

Submitter: Rich Benson

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition  
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

Subject: Oppose SB 1599, Protect Referendum Rights

Dear Senator Wagner, Representative Fahey, and Oregon Democrat Legislators,

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to SB 1599, which threatens to undermine the democratic process and deny Oregonians a voice in the May primary. With 250,000 citizens having qualified the referendum for November's ballot, it's clear that the people have spoken.

This bill is moving forward without adequate time for public input and scrutiny, and I urge you to reject it. Oregonians deserve the opportunity to gather signatures and submit arguments for the Voters Pamphlet.

Please protect our referendum rights and ensure our voices are heard.

Sincerely,

Rich Benson  
Roseburg, Oregon