

Submitter: Tara Meyer  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition  
2026-302  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

To whom it may concern,

I am an Oregonian and one of more than 250,000 people who signed the referendum petition (representing hundreds of thousands if not millions of Oregonians ) with the clear understanding that this issue would be decided in the November 2026 election, as required by law.

SB 1599 breaks that promise.

Moving the referendum to a low-turnout May election is not about efficiency—it is about avoiding voters. At a time when many Americans are questioning the honesty and integrity of government, changing the rules after the people have done their part sends exactly the wrong message.

If government expects public trust, it must keep its word.

Oregon law is clear. The referendum belongs on the November ballot so the greatest number of Oregonians can have their say. Anything less undermines confidence in our democratic process.

I urge you to respect voters, honor the commitment made to the public, and vote NO on SB 1599.

Thank you,  
Tara Meyer?