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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599
Subject: Opposition to SB 1599

I respectfully oppose SB 1599 and the use of an emergency clause to move the qualified referendum from the November 2026 general election to the May 2026 primary.

More than 250,000 Oregonians signed petitions with the clear understanding that this measure would appear on the November ballot, as stated on the signature sheets. Changing the election date after signatures have been gathered undermines the integrity of the referendum process.

Emergency clauses are meant for true, immediate crises. They should not be used to alter election timelines in a way that reduces voter participation. A May primary historically sees significantly lower turnout than a November general election, and shifting the date impacts public access to the ballot.

Regardless of party affiliation, Oregonians deserve consistency, transparency, and respect for the constitutional referendum process.

Please respect the voters and vote NO on SB 1599.

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