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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition  
2026-302  
Measure, Appointment or SB1599  
Topic:  
In Support of SB 1599 – Public Hearing

Chair and Members of the Committee,

I strongly support SB 1599, which shifts the election date for the referendum petition (2026-302) on parts of chapter 1, Oregon Laws 2025 (special session), to the May 19, 2026, primary election. This adjustment promotes efficiency, higher participation, and cost savings for Oregon taxpayers.

Key benefits include:

Boosted voter turnout. Integrating the referendum with the primary ensures more Oregonians vote on this critical issue, leading to a more democratic outcome.

Cost efficiency. Consolidating elections avoids the expense of a standalone special election, preserving county resources amid tight budgets.

Improved voter education. A single election date streamlines ballot information and outreach efforts.

As an Oregonian passionate about sustainable governance and community involvement, I value measures that enhance our electoral process without added burden. Please advance SB 1599.

Thank you for your service.