

Submitter: Sean Humphreys

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition  
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

I respectfully urge the committee to vote NO on SB 1599 because it undermines the will of Oregon voters by moving the election on Referendum Petition 2026-302 from the November general election — where turnout is historically highest — to the May primary, when far fewer citizens participate. This change disenfranchises those who took the time and effort to sign the referendum petition expecting a November vote and diminishes voter voice in a decision that affects significant public policy. By shifting the election date, SB 1599 erodes public confidence in the fairness and transparency of our democratic process and should be rejected.