

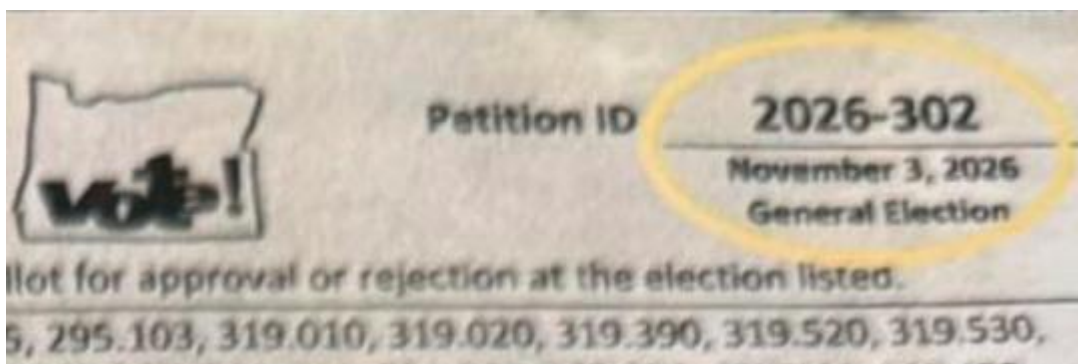
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On Behalf Of: Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition 2026-302  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599  
I oppose SB1599.

Does one live by the letter of the law or the intent of the law? The answer is simple it comes down to the motive of our heart(s). The Bible says it this way, "Love does no harm to your neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law." Romans 13:10

When do you need to hold to the letter of the law? When it's intent will not harm an innocent party, such as when punishment is needed to be meted out.

If you have raised any children they can tell you the difference between right and wrong. They tell their parents when they're not being fair. Cut a larger slice of cake for Joe and smaller one for Mike or let Bobby go visit a friend but not Karen and she will tell you "THAT'S NOT FAIR!" You know what I'm saying. What you have done with SB1599 is like going to a basketball game and when the teams step for the Tip Off and the referee/legislature says, "Oh by the way we changed the rules, we are raising your basket and lowering the home team's/legislature's basket." You have deviated away from the standard and treating your neighbor unfriendly. Adding insult to injury you didn't notify the public twenty-four hours before opening public testimony in Salem and you kept OLIS offline for written testimony. WHAT ARE YOU HIDING? Don't ever use the word transparency again. And tell me why "we the people" get the short end of the stick?

Changing the vote on SB1599 from November 3rd to May 19<sup>th</sup> is an intent to do harm. It is against the will of the people who signed the petition that states "November 3, 2026."



Surely some of you know the difference between right and wrong? That said I ask you to oppose SB1599 and join the will of the people.

Respectfully Submitted  
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