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

Hello there,

While this move may be legal, based on my research it is not common practice in Oregon to move a voter-qualified referendum away from the general election unless there are clear, non-partisan reasons for doing so.

I oppose this change because I do not see a compelling justification other than its likely effect on voter turnout, and therefore on the outcome of the vote. If this perception is incorrect, I would welcome clarification, but otherwise the change appears politically motivated.

My concern is that actions like this risk eroding public confidence in the referendum process itself. Even when lawful, altering election timing after a measure has qualified can create distrust and set an unhealthy precedent for future referenda.

For these reasons, I respectfully oppose SB 1599.