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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

I respectfully urge you to oppose SB 1599.

More than 250,000 Oregonians signed referendum petitions with the expectation that this measure would appear on the November general election ballot, when voter participation is highest. Moving the vote to the May primary will significantly reduce turnout and limit the ability of Oregonians to fully participate in a decision of statewide importance.

The referendum process exists to ensure citizens have a meaningful voice. Changing the election date after signatures have been gathered undermines public trust and creates the appearance that the process itself can be altered in ways that affect participation and confidence.

This is not about the underlying policy—it is about protecting the integrity of Oregon's referendum system and ensuring voters are given the fullest opportunity to be heard.

For these reasons, I ask you to vote no on SB 1599 instead of undermining the voters of Oregon!

Thank you for your consideration.