Honorable Chair Williamson and House Rules Committee Members,

I am opposed to SB 229A with or without the amendments.

I am proud that Oregon allows for a reasonable process to file a referendum and initiative. The rules for this are clearly defined, the process works and does not need to be given to a partisan committee. By removing the level of oversight from the SOS, this gives the impression that the people do not matter.

Creating a special election seems unnecessary, and confusing as a voter. I find this confusing and frustrating as an Oregon voter. I would prefer to cast my votes in the primary and general elections only. leaving special elections under current law that has only been used a handful of times in our state history.

I respectfully request you oppose SB 229 with the current amendments.

Thank You, Stacy Cayce Hillsboro