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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or
Topic: SB1599

We strongly oppose moving the referendum to the May primary ballot. The people have already spoken clearly and decisively, first through over 95% opposition in public testimony and then through an extraordinarily successful petition drive that far exceeded the required signatures in a short time. Shifting the vote to a low-turnout primary election, where many of the bill's original supporters are not standing for reelection, would deliberately dilute voter participation and shield those officials from direct accountability on this issue. Keeping the referendum on the November general election ballot is the only way to fully respect the overwhelming will of the people and uphold the democratic process.