

JOINT SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REFERENDUM PETITION 2026-302

February 12, 2026
05:00 PM

Hearing Room 50

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Kayse Jama, Co-Chair
Sen. Khanh Pham
Sen. Bruce Starr

Rep. David Gomberg, Co-Chair
Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis
Rep. Ben Bowman
Rep. Willy Chotzen
Rep. Lucetta Elmer

STAFF PRESENT:

Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst
Beth Reiley, LPRO Analyst
Sam Koopman, Senior Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS:

Exhibits from this meeting are available [here](#)

MEASURES/ISSUES:

SB 1599 – Work Session
Draft Explanatory Statement for Referendum Petition 2026-302 – Work Session
Draft Financial Estimate for Referendum Petition 2026-302 – Work Session

00:00:03 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:04 Co-Chair Gomberg

00:02:11 **SB 1599 - Work Session**
00:02:12 Co-Chair Gomberg
00:02:18 Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst
00:03:36 MOTION: CO-CHAIR JAMA MOVES TO ADOPT THE -2 AMENDMENTS
00:03:56 Sen. Starr
00:04:49 Rep. Elmer
00:05:17 Rep. Boshart Davis
00:06:26 VOTE: 5-3-0
AYE: SENS. PHAM, JAMA; REPS. BOWMAN, CHOTZEN, GOMBERG
NAY: SEN. STARR; REPS. BOSHART DAVIS, ELMER

00:06:53 MOTION: CO-CHAIR JAMA MOVES SB 1599 DO PASS AS AMENDED
00:07:12 Sen. Pham
00:18:55 Co-Chair Jama
00:26:25 Rep. Chotzen
00:30:43 Rep. Bowman
00:44:43 VOTE: 5-3-0
AYE: SENS. PHAM, JAMA; REPS. BOWMAN, CHOTZEN, GOMBERG

NAY: SEN. STARR; REPS. BOSHART DAVIS, ELMER
CARRIER: SEN. JAMA AND REP. GOMBERG

00:46:42 **Draft Explanatory Statement for Referendum Petition 2026-302 - Work Session**

00:46:43 Co-Chair Gomberg

00:46:59 Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst

00:47:35 MOTION: CO-CHAIR JAMA MOVES TO ADOPT THE EXPLANATORY
STATEMENT FOR REFERENDUM PETITION 2026-302

00:47:59 Sen. Starr

00:48:44 VOTE: 5-3-0

AYE: SENS. PHAM, JAMA; REPS. BOWMAN, CHOTZEN, GOMBERG

NAY: SEN. STARR; REPS. BOSHART DAVIS, ELMER

00:49:09 **Draft Financial Estimate for Referendum Petition 2026-302 - Work Session**

00:49:10 Co-Chair Gomberg

00:49:16 Melissa Leoni, LPRO Analyst

00:49:56 MOTION: CO-CHAIR JAMA MOVES TO ADOPT THE FINANCIAL
ESTIMATE FOR REFERENDUM PETITION 2026-302

00:50:13 VOTE: 5-3-0

AYE: SENS. PHAM, JAMA; REPS. BOWMAN, CHOTZEN, GOMBERG

NAY: SEN. STARR; REPS. BOSHART DAVIS, ELMER

00:50:58 Meeting Adjourned