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The Office of the Secretary of State received a draft ballot title from the Attorney General on April 26, 2006, for initiative petition #19, proposing a statutory amendment, for the General Election of November 4, 2008.

The draft ballot title is as follows:

#### **PROHIBITS TEACHING PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT IN LANGUAGE**

#### **OTHER THAN ENGLISH FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS**

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**RESULT OF "NO" VOTE:** "No" vote retains requiring English courses for students unable to profit from classes taught in English, permitting multiple-language instruction to assist transition to English.

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Chief Petitioner(s): Alan Grosso, 12100 SE 158th, Portland, OR 97236 and Bill Sizemore, PO Box 343, Beavercreek, OR 97004.

Copies of the text of this initiative are available at Room 141, State Capitol for \$.25. Written requests for copies with your remittance of \$1.00 prepaid, should be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722.

There now follows a comment period of 10 business days during which any member of the public may submit written comments which address the specific legal standards a ballot title must meet to the Secretary of State's office. This period ends May 10, 2006. Comments must be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722; fax (503) 373-7414.

The Secretary of State will deliver all written comments to the Attorney General. If comments are received, the Attorney General shall issue the certified ballot title not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> business day after receiving the comments from the Secretary of State. If no comments are received, the Attorney General shall issue the certified ballot title not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> business day after the deadline for submitting comments.

In addition, during this ballot title comment period, the Secretary of State will also seek statements from interested persons regarding whether or not a proposed initiative petition complies with procedural constitutional requirements for submission of proposed initiative petitions. The Secretary will consider the information provided in the statements received from interested persons. If you wish to comment, this period ends May 10, 2006. Comments must be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722; fax (503) 373-7414.

Any elector who is dissatisfied with the ballot title certified by the Attorney General, and who timely submitted written comments which addressed the specific legal standards a ballot title must meet, may petition the Oregon Supreme Court seeking a different title. This appeal must be filed not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> business day after the Attorney General certifies a ballot title to the Secretary of State.

The required number of signatures for placement on the 2008 general election ballot is determined by the total votes cast for all candidates for governor at the 2006 general election. These signatures shall be filed in this office not later than July 3, 2008.

HARDY MYERS  
Attorney General



PETER D. SHEPHERD  
Deputy Attorney General

**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
CIVIL ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

April 26, 2006

John Lindback  
Director, Elections Division  
Office of the Secretary of State  
141 State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97310

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Re: Proposed Initiative Petition — Prohibits Teaching Public School Student In Language Other Than English For More Than Two Years  
DOJ File #BT-19-06; Elections Division #19

Dear Mr. Lindback:

We have prepared and hereby provide to you a draft ballot title for the above-referenced prospective initiative petition. The proposed measure relates to prohibiting teaching a public school student in a language other than English for more than two years.

Written comments from the public are due to you within ten business days after your receipt of this draft title. A copy of all written comments provided to you should be forwarded to this office immediately thereafter.

A copy of the draft ballot title is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Misty Kintz  
Legal Secretary

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Enclosure

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