

Testimony Opposing SB 1599

Over 250,000 Oregonians signed a petition to place on the NOVEMBER ballot a referendum that will allow VOTERS to decide whether the tax and fee increases associated with the transportation bill, House Bill 3991, will be enacted or eliminated. Because only a November ballot will garner the greatest number of Oregon voices, Senate Bill 1599 must be voted down because it would move the vote on the referendum to May when, historically, a much lower voter turnout occurs. The VOTERS must have the say on this, NOT THE LEGISLATIVE ELITE in Salem who are trying to fast-track the vote into a schedule that only the legislators have the resources to prepare and turn out their voter base that oppose repeal of HB 3991 and minimize the voter base that supports repeal of HB 3991.

Contrary to the apparent perception of the Democrat governor and Democrat supermajority in the legislature, the bipartisan voice of 250,000 Oregonians outweighs that of the partisan administrative and legislative elite in Salem. YOU ARE NOT OUR MASTERS.

Per the will of We The People: VOTE ON THE REFERENDUM IN NOVEMBER, NOT IN MAY. Defeat SB 1599.