

Submitter: Stuart Smith
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302
Measure, Appointment or SB1599
Topic:

Dear Joint Special Committee,

SB 1599 should be rejected. A quarter million Oregonians signed a petition stating that it would be on the November ballot. The only plausible reason for this bill is to subvert the will of the voters by placing the referendum on a ballot with a lower turnout as a blatant political attempt to not have the legislature's massive tax increase overturned.

How is this an "Emergency?" Your own revenue office states that it will have "No Fiscal Impact" and "Minimal Revenue Impact."

All you have accomplished is to rile up the opposition. If this bill passes, you will have unleashed the strongest Republican, Independent, Libertarian and even Democrat opposition to one party rule this State has ever experienced. For that, I thank you.

Cordially yours,
Stuart Smith