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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

Co-Chairs Jama & Gomberg, and Members of the Joint Special Committee On
Referendum Petition 2026-302

Subject: Opposition to 2026 SB 1599

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

Well, here we are once again. I oppose this bill. I encourage you to kill it in Committee. If you can not or WILL not kill this bill in Committee, then please oppose it with your floor vote.

Somewhere around 250,000 Oregon voters signed the petition to put a vote the question of whether or not to rescind substantial increases in taxes and fees. Read the petition. It calls for a vote in November 2026. That's when the vote should occur.

The desire of legislators to escape the peril of being on the same ballot as this Referendum is not a valid reason to change the date. Neither are demands of the masters of many in the legislature- that being public employee unions, including SEIU. The management and members of unions are not Super Citizens, and should not be treated as such.

Again I encourage you to kill this bill and do what ever is necessary to schedule the question for the General Election scheduled for November, 2026.

Thank you.

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