

Submitter: Sheila Wassil

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

SB 1599 was introduced recently, that moves your voice through your vote to repeal Governor Kotek and her Democrat Supermajority's \$4.3 Billion Dollar gas tax from our November Ballot to the May Ballot! A Special Joint Committee was also created to FAST TRACK bill through the process! All in avoidance of dealing with what the OREGONIANS stated very clearly and that is simply "NO"!

Over quarter of a million vetted Oregonians signed the referendum demanding the vote be held in November! This was a direct message, no room for alterations to the process by any outsider to further manipulate its outcome!

This is Unacceptable - Not only is there historically lower voter turnout in the May primary, but this will make it nearly impossible to gather the necessary signatures to place arguments in favor of repealing Governor Kotek and her Supermajority's \$4.3 Billion Dollar Tax & Fee Scheme in the Voter's Pamphlet!

My Testimony is in Opposition!!!! AGAIN "NO"! What part of this message is unclear to anyone who works for a living in OREGON? Anyone who pays current tags, titles, licenses, fees in excess of what's really necessary...answer is "NO, we don't want it moved, "NO" we say "NO" to new and differing tax increases. "No, No, No!!" I have a jumbo crayon I can draw pictures if this still unclear! "NO!"

SB 1599 - Digest: The Act says the vote on the transportation ballot measure will be in May. (Flesch Readability Score: 77.8). Moves the election date for the parts of chapter 1, Oregon Laws 2025 (special session), referred to the people by Referendum Petition 2026-302, to the primary election held on May 19, 2026. Sets the procedure for the statewide special election on Referendum Petition 2026-302. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

Thank you for your attention!