

Opposition Testimony on Senate Bill 1599

2/11/2026

Chairs, Co-Chairs, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Darlene Boshart and I am writing in strong opposition to Senate Bill 1599.

I am concerned not only about the substance of this bill, but about the process surrounding it. Major policy decisions that impact Oregonians deserve transparency, deliberation, and meaningful public input. Why are you not listening to us?

Over 250,000 of Oregonians signed a petition expressing concern and asking lawmakers to slow down and listen. When elected officials move forward despite clear, organized public feedback, it sends a troubling message — that our voices are secondary to political timelines. Regardless of party affiliation, Oregonians expect to be heard, especially on issues that directly affect their communities, livelihoods, and their finances.

Trust is built when leaders demonstrate they are willing to pause, listen, and engage with constituents — even when the feedback is critical. Rushing this decision undermines trust and continues the deepening division across our state.

This is not about partisan politics. It is about process, accountability, and respect for the people of Oregon you all are to be representing in your elected positions. Please vote no on Senate Bill 1599.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darlene Boshart', with a stylized, flowing script.

Darlene Boshart