

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

Dear Legislators:

When the Governor's transportation tax bill was put on hold for a referendum vote to be held in November of 2026, the majority party decided to put forward a bill that would change the vote to the May primaries. The primaries in Oregon are typically low-turnout affairs, so moving the vote to May would silence the majority of citizens who oppose the Governor's transportation tax. Do not ignore your constituents and silence their voices. Keep the referendum vote on the November ballot where it will have a greater chance for all Oregon voters to weigh in on this legislation.

Thank you for reading this, and I hope you hear the message.

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