

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

I oppose SB1599

In November I was a signature gatherer in Yamhill County for the gas tax petition. I signed up to collect signatures on my own and also be at a popup location. Every person that I talked to was very upset that we keep getting tax and tax shoved on us. This was a chance for them to make it known that we want a say. It was a huge success in a relative short amount of time due to the governors delay in signing her own bill. The signers of the referendum did so to have a voice in November. Now, because the governor didn't get her way, she wants the legislature to change the rules and move up the date to the primaries. That is not what is in the Oregon Constitution and not what the 250.000 signers want to have happen.

I implore you to remove this bill and stop standing in the way of Oregonians will. Let the bill appear on the November bulletin board instead of changing the rules to fit the governors wants. This is about Oregonians surviving during an onslaught of taxes, high home prices, already high gas taxes, and 5th highest unemployment in the country. Oregon citizens are bleeding, so stop the taxes all together and clean up government spending.

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