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

I write to share my OPPOSITION to SB1599 and concern for the process that is occurring at the state-level regarding total disrespect for the bipartisan group of people who signed the Referendum for the Transportation Bill with inclusion on the November ballot. This also appears to be a violation of the Constitution.

SB1599 appears to be a Democratic political action that:  
Does NOT respect Oregonians who signed the Referendum schedule for November 2026;  
Does NOT appear to follow the Constitution;  
Does NOT have an emergency need as Governor Kotek stated publicly that funds are available to shift to meet the ODOT budget needs;  
Does NOT appear that the State of Oregon Legislature operates in an honesty or transparency as "We The People" were not able to provide public testimony when the first announcement of SB1599 was released to the legislature as public testimony did not exist on the State OLIS webpage;  
Does NOT have equity in the special Joint Special Committee as this is comprised of 2 Democrats and 1 Republican; and  
Appears to be a dishonest action by Democrats who pushed to get the Transportation Bill passed using "emergency" clause with hearings over Labor Day weekend 2025 and then did NOT signed until mid-November 2025 by Governor Kotek.

For these and many more reasons, I strongly OPPOSE SB1599 and share that I and many others have come to realize the super-majority Democrat legislature cannot be trusted to respect and listen to Oregonians. Passage of SB1599 would clearly demonstrate the legislature does not listen and will not honor the 250,000+ people who signed the Referendum with a November 2026 election. This is another example of government corruption and fraud. It is time for Oregon to implement DOGE.