

Submitter: State Employee Afraid of Retaliation  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition  
2026-302  
Measure, Appointment or  
Topic: SB1599

Please vote no on SB 1599. It's embarrassing, but true. Governor Kotek and the Democrat party manipulated the 2025 special session to get their desired outcome. They did this despite heavy opposition from their own constituents. Add to this Governor Kotek's further efforts to squash the voice of the people by delaying signing the bill in an effort to prevent the people from having enough time to secure enough signatures for the referendum before the December deadline. All this demonstrated to us that right now our Democrat legislators whom we've entrusted to represent our interests are only giving us lip service. You appear to have the attitude you are superior to and know better than the general public, and the people will get upset but eventually accept their fate and fund your expensive projects - again.

Not this time. The people spoke. We made it very clear that we want to be heard. We are also making it very clear we don't want this buried during the primary to try to 1) Reduce the voter's voice during what is historically a lower voter turnout, and 2) Diminish the negative impact on Gov. Kotek's reelection efforts. More political manipulations of the process and system to try to get the party's desired outcome.

This time, instead of just going through the formality of sitting through a public hearing to meet the public participation requirement and voting as directed by the party anyway, please listen to us.

The people of Oregon already feel they are ignored by and looked down upon by their elected Democrat/Socialist legislators. The fact this bill was even introduced confirms that. We have made it obvious we want our voices heard and we want them heard on this issue on the November ballot. Ignoring us again, like you did on the original bill during the last session, will reaffirm you represent only your own interests and not the interests of the citizens of Oregon.