

Submitter: Cathy Rackham
Committee: Joint Special Committee on Referendum Petition 2026-302
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

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I'm writing in opposition of SB1599

Dear Honorable Senator Wagner and Representative Fahey as well as the members of this Joint Special Committee on Referendum Petition 2026-302 regarding SB1599

My name is Cathy Rackham. I live in Millersburg, OR which has an Albany mailing address. I am a concerned Oregon citizen and a Linn County Republican PCP in precinct 76 in Linn County.

I oppose SB1599 and ask you to vote No on this Bill.

Why you ask? Isn't sooner better so this can be over with, you say? No, it's not. It's about being fair to all those who worked so hard to get this to the people! It's about what was written into the Referendum itself that the people signed.

As one of the over 250,000 people who signed the referendum and gathered signatures to put the \$4.5 Billion dollar Transportation Tax to a vote of the people in the November 2026 election, I feel betrayed by the Democrats and sad that they want to sneak this tax vote into the May election!

The referendum stated clearly that the vote would take place in the November Election! How can you overturn the will of the people and the wording on the Referendum? The people followed your rules despite all the obstacles. But the Democrats want to change the wording that all these people signed and agreed to.

It is well known that the May Primary has a historically low voter turnout and this bill makes it almost impossible to gather enough signatures to put arguments into the Voters Pamphlet in favor of repealing this \$4.3 Billion Dollar Tax & Fee bill!

Wasn't it bad enough that the Governor waited to the last minute to sign the bill hoping that we the people wouldn't have time to gather enough signatures to put this on the November ballot.

SB 1599 is truly outrageous and unfair to all the people who signed and worked so hard to get enough signatures to put this to the people's vote in November. More people will be voting in the November elections, isn't that the fair and right thing to do? Leave the vote date as stated in the Referendum. Keep it in November. Do the right thing for the people of Oregon. Vote NO on SB1599

Thank you for your service to our great state of Oregon.

Sincerely,

Cathy B. Rackham