

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

I am writing in STRONG opposition to SB1599. I am one of the HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of Oregonian taxpayers that signed the state referendum petition ID 2026-302. This was signed with the understanding and belief that this would be put on the NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ballot, as stated on the petition. To even try to move this to the May ballot would deprive all of us of our RIGHT to have this on the ballot we signed for it to be on. You can NOT deny when there were over 3x the required signatures to get the referendum put on the ballot in NOVEMBER, that we would be okay with any attempt to change what we lawfully accomplished. Just because the Governor was unsuccessful in repealing it does not give anyone else the right to go around what was not only lawfully done, but it is also clear in the Oregon Constitution: That a referendum that has enough verified signatures - goes to the ballot and if the referendum states the date on which the referendum will appear on the ballot, that's the date that it needs to be kept on. The people overwhelmingly demanded a vote on this referendum on the November 3, 2026 election, not the May election. If the Governor is so happy with her choice to cram this tax bill through, then she should be happy to have it on the same ballot as her bid for reelection. If she is so against having it on the same ballot, that makes it quite clear that she is aware that us Oregonians do NOT want this to pass and it appears that it gives her pause on whether or not it would affect her getting reelected. Stand by your bill if you're so for it, but do NOT violate our right to have it on the ballot that we signed our names to. Thank you for your time, God Bless the USA.