

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

I strongly oppose this bill, seemingly designed to thwart the clear will of the people of Oregon.

I am one of the quarter-million Oregonians who personally signed a petition to refer the massive tax proposal to the People of Oregon. Numerous alternatives were offered by legislators to close funding shortfalls. All such proposals required better stewardship, but no additional taxes.

The attempt to rush this referendum to the Primary ballot in May is very apparently a calculated effort to drastically cripple the effect of the petition - overwhelmingly qualified for the November ballot.

I urge that SB1599 be put down, and the rights of the citizens of Oregon be fully honored. Please ensure the Referendum Petition 2026-302 is placed on the ballot for the November election.

Thank you.