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

I OPPOSE this bill.

Over 250,000 Oregonians signed a petition to refer this bill to the voters specifically in November. If this passes, there will be no time to put arguments in the voters pamphlet. Is this your way of telling the people of this state once more their voices do not matter that you all are supreme rulers and we must bow down while you find a way to pass this tax bill?

Oregonians have had enough. Your focus should be on balancing the budget and helping business and industry in this state like the Timber industry. Oregonians are suffering at your hands. We need oil refineries, we need you to balance the budget, we need you to focus on fixing all the devastation you are causing because industry and working people are leaving. Riddle mill just laid off 140 workers and you want to tax us more?

Here's just 1 example of over spending. We need you all to fix the spending;

Portland, Oregon population 635K
Portland, Oregon budget \$8.6 billion

Indianapolis, Indiana population 832K
Indianapolis, Indiana budget \$1.7 billion.

Detroit, Michigan population 635K
Detroit, Michigan budget \$2.1 billion

Miami, Florida population 500K
Miami, Florida budget \$3.87 billion

I think if I lived in Portland I'd be asking questions about the budgets and not trying to figure out how to sneak in more taxes on the people. Leave this on the November ballot and listen to the voters.

NO ON THIS BILL!