

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

Oregon Legislators,

I am requesting that you oppose SB 1599 as this is not what the citizens of Oregon requested when they asked to have a voice at the ballot box in November 2026 regarding ODOT funding.

Oregon/ODOT has the money to fund the core functions of their mission. There must be a stop to all the mission creep that has occurred and continue to occur in this state department as well as others.

I don't accept the actions by those that will or proposed to make cuts to the core mission of ODOT in order to provide the most pain to the citizens in-order to obtain support for increase taxes.

I don't support the gamesmanship being played to have the vote regarding ODOT funding moved up to May 2026 as history has shown that the turnout of voters is much lower and provides a better chance for poor policies to pass.

The proper time for citizens to vote on the ODOT funding issue is in November 2026 as provided by the petition signed.

Sincerely,  
Louis E Provencher