

Submitter: Lora Monroe

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

While I can appreciate that there is work that needs to be done in our state, simply deciding without input that Oregonians can and will pay more to make it happen is unacceptable. A bill of this proportion needs to be sent to the people to vote on. Gas is already too expensive and business owners overly burdened with taxes that limits our ability to stay in business in Oregon let alone hire employees. Even if a bill like this is passed by the voters, there should be greater oversight making sure funds are used wisely and for their intended purposes. Too often government contracts are bloated with wasteful cost and lack of due diligence. I think the bottom line is important for the voters to determine whether or not they trust the lawmakers of Oregon to respect their input, infrastructure, and most importantly tax dollars.