

Submitter: Robin Lee  
On Behalf Of: myself and about a quarter million others  
Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition  
2026-302  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

In just a few weeks voters of Oregon signed a Referendum to put the "Transportation Package" on the November ballot. The referendum went through all of the Secretary of State's processes to be circulated and the number signatures gathered exceeded the requirement by three times the required number. We signed because we want to vote in November--THAT IS THE WORDING ON EACH PAGE of the Petition! We did not sign to put the matter on the May ballot. Moving it is a VIOLATION OF OUR RIGHTS.

I expect you (all Legislators, Secretary of State, AND governor) to respect the original wording of Referendum Petition 2026-302.

If you missed it, see a report in Willamette Week (Jan 15, 2026): ". . .a 1935 Oregon Attorney General opinion confirms that once Oregonians invoke their constitutional right to referendum, the legislature has no authority to repeal the measure before voters have their say."