

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

Please listen to the majority of your constituents. An April 2025 poll found 80% opposition to HB 3991. 163,000 verified voters submitted their signature on a referendum to move this measure to the November 2026 ballot. Why would you not allow this to occur on the November ballot? The majority appears to be doing everything you can to NOT listen to what taxpayers want. DOT needs to figure out what projects to cut, or else the legislature needs to rank the importance of each department and move money accordingly. You cannot just add taxation without clear visibility for taxpayers as to how the current DOT allocation has been spent and what specifically is in the next DOT budget. Oregon is ranked 35th in the nation for state tax competitiveness per the Tax Foundation. We were ranked 7th just 7 years ago. PLEASE choose to reduce spending instead of raising taxes on individuals.