

Written Testimony – Oppose SB 1599

I urge the committee to vote **NO on SB 1599**. SB 1599 does not address transportation funding or tax policy. It changes the timing of a voter-approved referendum by moving it from the November 2026 general election to a May primary election with significantly lower voter turnout. Oregonians signed referendum petitions with the clear understanding that this issue would be decided in a November general election, when the largest and most representative share of voters participate. Changing the election date after signatures were gathered undermines voter trust and the intent of the referendum process. Regardless of one's position on transportation funding, decisions about tax increases should be made when the greatest number of Oregonians are voting. Please respect Oregon voters and uphold the integrity of the referendum process by rejecting SB 1599. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Joe Mallory

City: Hillsboro, OR

Date: February 07, 2026

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Mallory", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Joe" on the left and "Mallory" on the right.