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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

I strongly oppose this maneuver by the legislature to change the date of the vote on the bill funding ODOT. The voters who signed the petition. signed it with the understanding that the vote would be held in November, not May. With all due respect, you and Governor Kotek appear to be manipulating the system to your advantage! This is not acceptable and a betrayal of Oregonians who signed the petition in good faith. Unfortunately, ODOT is an "entitled attitude" state agency and appears to have lots of "fiscal" and "organizational" problems. A complete audit of the agency, fiscal, personnel, organizational structure, and internal procedures needs to take place to finally reduce costs and streamline projects in a fiscal and efficient manner. The agency claiming to the media, "roads will suffer if we do not get the funding" does not play well with the electorate any more. Thank you for your time.