

Submitter: Pat Mahoney  
On Behalf Of: taxpayers  
Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition  
2026-302  
Measure, Appointment or  
Topic: SB1599

I oppose this measure.

The “No Tax Referendum” was noted at the top to be voted on during the November 2026 ballot, yet the Oregon Legislature’s rush to pass Senate Bill 1599—shifting Referendum Petition 2026-302 to the low-turnout May 19 primary under an “emergency clause”—exposes partisan manipulation, not genuine crisis response. Leaders claim urgency over ODOT’s \$242 million shortfall, yet as of February 5, 2026, no bills address it directly; not one bill has been presented, such as amending HB 2017’s restrictive 6% maintenance cap or providing fiscal relief for this so-called “emergency.

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