

Submitter: Chris Ashley

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

The people of Oregon made it very clear what their desires were with the unmatched collection of signatures demanding that the "gas tax" (Referendum Petition 2026-302) be put on the ballot. By arbitrarily moving the vote to a date when it's practically guaranteed that the voter turnout will be substantially less, the tax, very unfortunately, will probably pass. This is a clear move to subvert the will of the people. Please do not silence the voices of almost 250,000 Oregonians who signed the petition to place the matter before the people presumably on the November 2026 ballot. Thank you.