

Written Testimony Opposing SB 1599

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Bill: SB 1599

Position: Oppose

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Senator Wagner, Representative Fahey, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB 1599. I respectfully urge you to **vote NO** on this bill, and allow the issue to move forward through **Referendum Petition 2026-302 on the November ballot instead.**

Reason for Opposition

- **Impact on Local Voices to be heard on additional taxes:**

Many Oregonians believe tax increases should be decided by voters on the higher-turnout November 2026 ballot. SB 1599 risks excluding residents unaware of the May 2026 election, and adds further strain on taxpayers already facing some of the nation's highest tax burdens.

Request to Legislators

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Legislature to **oppose SB 1599** and allow the Referendum Petition 2036-302 to be held in November instead of May 2026.

Closing

As an addendum, I encourage you to pursue efficiencies that meaningfully reduce public-sector spending and create room for Oregon's private sector to flourish -aka *supply side economic policies*. A stronger private sector not only drives economic growth, but also provides the jobs and opportunities that sustain communities across the state.

Thank you for your service to our state and for considering my testimony. I appreciate your attention to the concerns of Oregonians who will be directly affected by this legislation.

Sincerely,

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