

Submitter: Ryn McNicholas
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

Dear Members of the Joint Special Committee on Referendum Petition 2026-302,

I am writing as a concerned Oregon voter to urge you to vote NO on SB 1599.

Oregon law supports placing referenda on the November general election ballot to allow the maximum number of voters to decide on tax increases. Over 250,000 Oregonians signed Referendum Petition 2026-302 expecting their voices to be heard in November, when turnout is highest.

SB 1599 would improperly move this vote to the May 19, 2026 primary, reducing participation and undermining the democratic process. This appears to be the latest in a pattern— the fourth attempt in the past year by Governor Kotek and the 83rd Legislative Assembly to limit Oregonians' input on tax issues.

Please respect the petitioners' intent and the spirit of Oregon's referendum rights. Reject SB 1599 and let the measure proceed on the November ballot where the broadest electorate can weigh in.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.