

**I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 1599. I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO MOVING REFERENDUM PETITION 2026-302 TO THE PRIMARY ELECTION MAY 19, 2026, IT NEEDS TO BE PART OF THE NOVEMBER 2026 GENERAL ELECTION AS ORIGINALLY INTENDED.**

**NOT ONLY DO I NOT WANT REFERENDUM PETITION 2026-302 MOVED, BUT I ALSO WANT IT TO BE PROTECTED FROM BEING ALTERED, REWRITTEN, RENAMED, TO BE PRESENTED AS IT WAS WRITTEN THAT 250,000 OREGONIANS PETITIONED AGAINST.**

We Oregonians are entitled to the right to vote on legislation that affects us as Citizens of Oregon expressly tax related and to have important tax related legislation given the best opportunity of success at election time.

Over 250,000 Oregonians went the extra mile, correct forms, properly filled out, followed all the processes, and spent SIGNIFICANT hours to collect the signatures to allow us the right to formally vote in November against Referendum Petition 2026-302 No Gas Tax in Oregon. Moving it to May where it will not be adequately supported or disallowing us to vote on it is nothing short of political manipulation and corruption.

In closing Governor Kotek is ruining Oregon for Oregonians, Oregonians are being taxed to death by her!!!! Tina is constantly producing new ways to tax us and to increase existing taxes. New or existing measures and levies continue to be extended and increased.

There is absolutely no relief, no end in sight. I suspect she wants to tax all her constituents to poverty so we are at her mercy and dependent upon her for our survival and livelihood. When we are all poor who will pay her taxes? Especially with businesses leaving Oregon just like California.

In contrast we continue to hear "Governor Kotek finds millions of dollars in funds" = \$6 million to be exact. And "Kotek finds secret stash of millions" = tens of millions. Maybe she can conjure up \$4.3 billion or better yet learn how to properly budget and manage her funds and not write checks from what she believes is a "bottomless" checking account.

It saddens me that Oregon the state where I was born and raised, has been so mismanaged that we are currently #5 in the nation for income tax rates. We are behind 4 of the top expensive states one would expect to see on the list.  
California #1  
Hawaii #2  
New York #3  
New Jersey #4

It shocks me to read this, but we do in fact feel it in our wallet and very strained budget. Gas is already too high in Oregon compared to the rest of the US.

*Note: some venues show Oregon as #1 in the US as having the highest effective tax rate, single filers rate is 20.41% and married couples' rate is 12.98%.*

Thank you for this opportunity to do what is right for Oregon.

I DO NOT WISH TO TESTIFY IN PERSON OR REMOTELY.