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

I am submitting written testimony in adamant opposition of SB 1599.

I along with 250,000 Oregonians participated in the Oregon Constitutional Referendum process rejecting sloppy legislation adopted by Oregon's Majority Party in funding the Oregon Department of Transportation. I demand Oregon's Legislature hold themselves to the same standards of our state's governance process and stop playing games for a desired outcome.

I expect ethical and courageous governing from Oregon's Legislative Assembly in voting NO on SB 1599. Follow the Oregon Constitution and stop politicizing an issue negatively impacting every Oregonian. Oregon citizens have spoken and you are still not listening. A referendum process was legally completed for a vote in November, 2026 , not May, 2026. A NO vote on SB1599 ensures a November, 2026 vote and outcome to land where intended. A May 2026 vote documents you have zero confidence in your legislative choices and decisions; demonstrating a clear absence of ability to govern with collaborative, accountable, and transparent processes. If your chosen profession and participation in Oregon governance is not directed by collaboration, accountability, and transparency; what are you focused and directed on, and why are you in the Legislature in the first place?!