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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or
Topic: SB1599

I OPPOSE advancement/passage of SB 1599. When the Governor gambled on the gullibility of the state's voters, she lost. Nearly 200,000 signatures forced the Gov's tax grab onto the ballot. Now, in an open attempt to avoid being on the same November ballot as her re-election bid, the Gov. wants to jam this referendum onto the May primary ballot. As of this writing 2,015 pieces of written testimony have been submitted ahead of Monday's JSC hearing. 14 of those submitted testimonies support the bill...14. Less than 1% of the testimony pieces submitted thus far. I suspect that even the Senate President & House Speaker are worried that they have been dragged down into the Gov's personal money grab efforts. This tax hike effort has been a disaster for those in favor of it (Sunday Oregonian, Jan 10, 2026, "Lessons from a Transportation Tax Disaster"). No matter what side of the aisle one sits on, it is time for OUR legislators to tell the Gov. "no" once and for all. Kill this bill!