

Submitter: Brenda Charter
On Behalf Of: All signers of referendum opposing ODOT gas tax
Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302
Measure, Appointment or
Topic: SB1599

There is an overwhelming majority of Oregon voters who oppose Koteks 4.3 billion dollar ODOT tax and want their voices heard through their vote. The organizers of the referendum opposing that tax followed all the rules to get it on the NOVEMBER 2026 ballot.

SB 1599 is an underhanded attempt to move the vote to the May ballot, knowing that historically, voter turnout in May is low. Also limiting time for testimony in the voter's pamphlet in opposition to the ODOT tax.

There is NO other reason for SB1599 than to push the ODOT gas tax through without a fair vote. But, that's not unusual for the current legislature to deny the people their right to fair voting process.

I oppose SB1599 and urge a NO vote to protect the right to fair elections.