

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

I oppose moving the election date for the parts of chapter 1, Oregon Laws 2025 (special session), referred to the people by Referendum Petition 2026-302, to the primary election held on May 19, 2026. We the people provided our voice by providing more than 250,000 signed signatures for the referendum petition to put Governor Tina Kotek's transportation tax and fee hikes on the November 2026 ballot. Oregon law is clear that the referendum must be on the November ballot. Lawmakers should guarantee that the largest number of Oregon voters possible have a say in whether their taxes go up.