

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

I'm writing to urge the members of the Joint Committee on Referendum Petition 2026-302 to vote no on SB 1599. As a volunteer petition circulator, I spent hours of my time gathering signatures from family, friends, and strangers. The petition I circulated stated that the opportunity to vote on the resulting ballot measure would occur during the November 2026 general election.

Please do not cast aside the will of the more than 250,000 people who signed the petition to put the transportation tax package on the November 2026 general election ballot. Our signature gathering effort set the record for the most signatures gathered in the least time in Oregon history. Oregon voters are paying attention to the legislature's actions and will hold supporters of SB 1599 accountable in the coming election.