

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

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 1599 and, just as importantly, to the timing and manner in which this issue is being brought forward for a vote.

Holding a vote on a measure of this significance outside of the November general election raises serious concerns about fairness, transparency, and respect for the will of the people. November elections consistently have the highest voter turnout. Moving a decision like this to a lower-participation election gives the appearance—whether intended or not—of minimizing public involvement and diluting the voice of everyday Oregonians.

Our democratic process depends not only on legal compliance, but on public trust. When major policy decisions are advanced in a way that limits participation, it undermines confidence in the system and fuels the belief that outcomes are being engineered rather than earned through open debate and broad voter engagement.

If SB 1599 is truly supported by the people of Oregon, it should be able to withstand the scrutiny of a high-turnout November election. Anything less feels inconsistent with the principles of representative government and informed consent of the governed.

I urge you to reconsider both this bill and the timing of its vote, and to commit to a process that fully respects voter participation and transparency.

Sincerely,
Travis Taylor OD
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