

Sisters, OR 97759
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TESTIMONY RE: SB1599

COMMENT: Leave the 2026-302 Referendum Vote on the November 2026 General Election!

I am greatly concerned that the Democrat led Governor's Office, Senate and House are completely ignoring their constituents, Oregon Taxpayers. This is an intentionally overly general statement based on recent actions by this group of politicians who clearly believe they don't have to listen to, nor work on behalf of, Oregonians.

SB 1599 is just ONE, but the most recent and glaring examples of Democrats not paying any attention to the requests (now demands) from the public.

Absolutely nothing proves this more than the Governor's attempt(s), and Democrat legislator's attempt(s), to derail the will of the people with SB 1599 in response to Referendum 2026-302.

225,000 Oregonians signed the petition, clearly outlining the needed changes in the ODOT budget. The petition also specified the ballot measure would be presented in the November 2026 general election, giving time for people to research, provide input and make a reasoned decision when it came time to vote.

Moving it to the May 2026 primary election is political sabotage to interfere with an election where an overwhelming group of people, in record time, clearly expressed their opinions and appeal to an outrageous tax hike.

SB 1599 is a reflection of the Democrats willingness to obstruct the democratic process and burden Oregonians with oppressive and unnecessary taxes.

These actions will likely rally these same 225,000 petition signers and awaken the rest of Oregon voters to turn out for the November election in droves; a backlash against legislators who support SB 1599 in direct obstruction to the will of Oregon voters. We will remember.

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