

Submitter: Darren Bowen  
On Behalf Of: Myself  
Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition  
2026-302  
Measure, Appointment or  
Topic: SB1599

I Darren Bowen, oppose this fuel tax and fee hike. My family and I live in a small community in central Oregon, I am a ranch hand so I don't make a lot of money. If the fuel tax is increased, and other fees are increased, my family and I along with 98% of the other families in Oregon would suffer and struggle. With fuel already being expensive, groceries being expensive, now added taxes is ridiculous. I understand each state needs tax revenue to fund different programs. But what money was already budgeted for that should have gone to those programs and resources. We broke away from England during the Revolutionary War because of high taxes, now here we are 2 and a half centuries later being taxed to death by our state and federal governments. All families wealthy and low income should be able to survive and make a life, not be over taxed and pushed out of our beautiful state.