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On Behalf Of: Opposition to Senate Bill 1599
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

I strongly oppose the expedited advancement of Senate Bill 1599 to a May vote. Rushing this legislation during a short legislative session reflects a troubling lack of leadership and raises serious concerns about legislative priorities and accountability.

Proceeding in this manner, particularly in light of substantial public opposition, disregards the clearly expressed needs and concerns of Oregon's citizens. Any support for accelerating this bill despite widespread resistance signals a failure to meaningfully engage with constituents and undermines public trust in the legislative process.

Working Oregonians continue to bear the burden of escalating taxes and fees, and this bill would further strain households already struggling to meet basic financial obligations. Advancing such a measure without adequate deliberation demonstrates a disregard for the real and immediate challenges faced by families across the state.

It is especially concerning that Senate Bill 1599 is being fast-tracked while more urgent and impactful issues remain unresolved. The Legislature has a responsibility to use its limited session time to address matters that improve affordability, stability, and confidence in government.

For these reasons, Senate Bill 1599 should be rejected.
Respectfully.