

Submitter: Robyn Beagle

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

I am writing to oppose moving the referendum on the proposed gas tax to a special election in May. It needs to remain on the November ballot where it belongs. Moving it to a May special election would limit voter turnout. In the state's last gubernatorial election year in 2022, voter turnout reached 37% in the primary, compared to 67% in the general election. In addition, a 1935 Oregon attorney general opinion says the Legislature can't repeal a law once it has been referred to the ballot. I oppose SB1599 and call on legislators to do the right thing and keep the referendum on the November ballot.