

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

I am writing today to voice my anger and strong opposition to moving the vote on the transportation tax referendum to May when voter turnout is typically half of what it is during a general election. The citizens of Oregon gathered 250,000 signatures to put the transportation tax on the ballot in NOVEMBER, not MAY! If the date is switched, the voters won't even have the opportunity to gather signatures to have an explanation put into the voters pamphlet. That's not democracy, that's tyranny of the majority and it makes a mockery of the referendum process that voters passed decades ago. Therefore, in the spirit of fairness and out of respect for the process, I demand that the vote be held in November per the referendum language.

Sincerely,

David Klaus  
Newberg