

Submitter: Carol Wissenback

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

I am writing to oppose SB 1599 moving the people's referendum from November to May.

More than 250,000 people came out in record time to sign the referendum to put this on the November ballot. That's what our referendum states, that's where it needs to be.

Oregonians are telling the legislature we want our voices heard! You disregarded our testimony and passed the tax bill anyway. We are reminding you that you are elected to represent us, not your own interests. It's time for the legislature to listen to the people who elected you. We know this is a political move to put it on the primary rather than the November general election and we're telling you NO!

I've written to each and every Democrat and voiced my opposition, I've written to Representative Fahey and Senator Wagner TWICE to express my opposition. Yet here we are.

Currently 99% oppose moving it to the May election. Make no mistake, voters are watching. Moving the referendum to the May election would be a clear sign to Oregon voters that our legislators refuse to listen to the voice of the Oregon voters who elected them. This is not a Republican referendum, it was signed by Democrats, Independents and Libertarians as well. Do NOT move our referendum to May.

Sincerely,

Concerned Voter

Carol Wissenback