

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

Dear Oregon Legislators,

I am writing to strongly oppose SB 1599, which seeks to move the certified referendum on gas tax and DMV fee increases from the November general election to the lower-turnout May primary. This change feels like an attempt to suppress voter participation, particularly among independent voters who make up a significant portion of Oregon's electorate. The referendum was certified with over 250,000 signatures, reflecting broad public interest, and it deserves to be decided in an election where the most people can weigh in. Please reject this bill and let democracy run its course.

Sincerely,
Stan Harris