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On Behalf Of: Fed-Up LEGAL Oregonians
Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302
Measure, Appointment or
Topic: SB1599

I vehemently oppose SB1599. The Oregon

This is par for the course with Oregon's legislative majority party, the Democrats. If they can't beat us into submission with horrific laws, they'll do it subversively. There is nothing about SB 1599 that represents good faith representation, the will of the people, & respect for our state's constitution & legislative & voting processes.

SB1599 is usurping the voter's rights in the following areas:

1. Explanatory Statement: Our law provides for a neutral 500-word explanatory statement for each measure on the ballot. This bill usurps that by this committee providing that language. This is wholly unacceptable. This bill usurps the ability for appropriate time for a hearing to be held to comment/amend the explanatory statement. This bill is likely violating our constitution in stating a cut-off date of March 12th in which a hearing & subsequent materials can be provided.
2. Financial Estimate: Oregon law requires a committee consisting of the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Director of the Department of Administrator Services & someone with expertise in local government to draft a financial statement that accompanies the measure on the ballot. This committee providing their own version of this statement is usurping our laws. Again.
3. Ballot Measure Arguments: Oregon law provides anyone the option to pay a fee & get an argument for or against in the ballot measure pamphlet accompanying the ballot. The deadline submission for arguments is 120 days before the election. That date was January 19th. This measure, once again, usurps Oregon law.
4. This is clearly a political ploy to remove HB3199 from the November ballot when the governor, Tina Kotek, & many other Democrat candidates are seeking reelection. Given their failure to responsibly & successfully lead our state to prosperity & excellence in every important metric, I am confident they don't want to be on the ballot with the referendum. Cowards!
5. Over a quarter of a million voters signed the referendum to place the measure on the November 2026 general election ballot. Any efforts by the Democrats to thwart the will of the people is, again, an act of usurping the process written into our laws. Oregonians are sick & tired of being tread on.
6. I watched in horror as the Democrats rolled in dying cancer patient & representative Hòa Nguy?n to vote on SB3199 on September 29, 2025. She died on October 9, 2025, just 10 days later.
7. I watched in disgust Tina Kotek delay signing SB3199 in an attempt to thwart the people's ability to collect enough signatures for a referendum.

8. I watched in even more disgust as Tina Kotek gave a press conference answer akin to washing her hands of her dirty deeds & placing all of this on the legislators. Kotek is as dirty as they come & will stop at nothing to force her will.
9. ODOT has the money they need but are poorly managing it. The fact that it took a referendum by the people for Democrats to finally admit what Republicans & their constituents have said all along, is a testament to just how little respect the Democrats have for all of us.

The people have spoken, we followed the law, we signed the petition for a November vote on this odiferous tax package. If the Oregon legislature does not respect our very vocal wishes & rightful referendum, there will be repercussions.

Of special note:

I was particularly appalled by Representative Kham Pham's behavior in the special session last September. I watched as she shot down multiple options to NOT force this punitive \$4.3 BILLION DOLLAR tax on Oregon's taxpayers. She didn't stop to give a single option consideration. Pham operated with arrogance, is beholden to pushing this bill through, and is not in the best interest of Oregonians. Pham should absolutely not be a member of this special "joint" committee. She should be immediately removed and replaced.

Signed,
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