

Submitter: Jodi Merritt

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

I understand the concern and reasoning behind moving this referendum to the May ballot however, this is not the will of the people who signed the referendum. There are avenues available to move funds around to continue to support ODOT, to include the DEI budget. ODOT and you as legislators need to prioritize funding. There is so much wasteful spending that could very well support essential services, such as roads and law enforcement. I urge you to vote no on this bill and leave the referendum on the November ballot.