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

I am testifying in opposition to Referendum Petition 2026-302. While I respect voter participation, this referendum would undo carefully negotiated funding for Oregon's transportation system at a time when we already face infrastructure challenges and budget shortfalls.

Oregon's transportation infrastructure is aging and critical to the economy, workforce mobility, and public safety. Instead of repealing this law wholesale, we should focus on making the funding more efficient and equitable — not eliminating it outright. I urge rejection of this referendum so that policymakers can work on sustainable and balanced solutions that do not risk undermining the mobility Oregonians depend on.