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

I oppose SB 1599.

Oregonians followed the law, gathered the required signatures, and earned the right to place this tax on the ballot so the people could vote on it in November. SB 1599 undermines that lawful process by attempting to move the vote to May.

Changing the election date after citizens have done everything correctly sets a dangerous precedent. It tells voters that even when they organize, comply with the rules, and meet every legal threshold, their elected officials can still move the goalposts to suit their own preferences.

The ballot process exists to ensure voters have a direct voice. SB 1599 weakens that principle and erodes trust in Oregon's democratic system.