

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

Dear Governor Kotek,

I would like to first state this very simple fact, your constituents of Oregon have spoken. We as a collective have complied with the law and were able to collect enough signatures on petitions to require an honest and fair vote for HB 3991 which you attempted to get approved without any voice from your constituents due to what your office has defined as a \$300,000,000 “shortfall” or “gap.” In reality, it is nothing more than either a mismanagement of funds or the inability of the applicable departments to properly budget funds.

By attempting to once again “ram rod” HB 1599 requiring the vote for the previous house bill be placed on the mid-term elections is in my opinion, and most likely the opinion of many others of your constituents shameful. You are attempting to either get a softer vote or you are attempting to get the bill repealed so that you may be allowed legally to either shove another HB through the system without our vote or split the bill up into other house bills to hide all of the back door taxes you wish to drain from your constituents.

Oregonians, your constituents have spoken very loudly and clearly. We have jumped through the the states requirements to speak up through the use of a petition by spending time collecting signatures and are not asking but demanding that the vote be placed where it is required to be placed, in November of 2026 during the primary election. Again, we are not asking, we are demanding you adhere to the law and follow the request of the petition and your constituents.

I thank you for taking time to read this testimony and would welcome an actual open forum where you answer non-pre-submitted questions from your constituents, in public and in front of the four local news outlets such that ALL Oregonians may be able to understand your logic for why the Oregon government has mismanaged \$300,000,000 of your constituent's tax dollars.

In closing I will state the obvious, YOU WORK FOR US! We have spoken and you have taken an oath to adhere to the wishes of your constituents.

Very Sincerely and Respectfully,

David C. Aubin Sr.