

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

My name is Dan Whitmore and would like to submit testimony opposing SB1599. The 250,000 plus voters were very clear as to wanting the referendum voted on in November not May as SB1599 states. This bill to move the voting date is a power play by the Democrats who unanimously voted to raise the gas tax and fees to fill the ODOT shortfall in their budget. The state has plenty of money, it just needs to be reallocated so ODOT can use it. It appears that the Democrats in Salem think that the taxpayers of Oregon have bottomless pockets when it comes to raising taxes and fees in this state. Quite the contrary. We the taxpayers of Oregon have had enough of your lack of accountability and wasteful spending in this state. It's time for the power hungry Democrats to listen to the voters of Oregon not do what YOU think is best. You work for us, not the other way around. With that being said I urge a no vote on SB1599.

Thank you  
Sincerely  
Dan Whitmore