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Oregonians successfully submitted over 250,000 valid signatures to put the referendum on the NOVEMBER 3, 2026 ballot. Tina Kotek and her democratic supporters now want to move the referendum to the May 19, 2026 primary. That is NOT what was on the petition that voters signed and moving it to May means very little time to get arguments opposing the tax increase in the voter's pamphlet. They know it and in addition to not wanting the referendum on the November ballot since they also know it will have higher turnout from voters that they would in May (about a 1/3 of eligible voters vote in primaries versus the November election), they also don't want it on the November ballot since THEY will be on it too and they know voters are so disenfranchised that they'll likely NOT vote for any democrats. Stop with the obvious sleazy political wrangling and positioning and LISTEN TO YOUR CONSTITUENTS!