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On Behalf Of: Senior Citizens in general
Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
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As a long term (41 years) resident of Oregon and Lake Oswego I am opposed to this attempt by the Democrat regime to move this SB1599 bill to May so that the bill may pass when there is less interest in elections. This is clearly a POLITICAL PLOY to hoodwink voters into an election time when turn out is minimal. It is dishonest and just as bad as gerrymandering districts which is routinely done in this state.

Instead the legislature should be looking at ways to keep elderly populations in their homes by lowering real estate taxes and freezing them as so many of the great states in this country does. We pay ridiculously high taxes that increase each year. In addition, 75% of our real estate taxes goes to schools of which Seniors get no tangible benefit from! Oregon's schools rank 47th nationally (look it up) in terms of outcome and we are not getting any value for the money spent by these bloated bureaucratic organizations. I demand a freezing of real estate taxes for Seniors. Otherwise, Seniors will continue to leave this state for ones that have protections for the elderly in place.

You legislators need to do a better job and stop following these left wing liberal ideologies that do nothing but destroy the quality of life and affordability of living in this state.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Tim Foster