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I am against moving the election date from the November 2026 election to the primary election to be held on May 19, 2026. The only reason to make this move is to thwart the will of the people trying to have their voices heard through the referendum process. This shows complete disrespect for the citizenry. Trust in state government is already very low. By moving the vote to May, hoping many people won't vote in the primary, just increases distrust in state government. If you need more money for the state, why not consider finding areas where you can cut back on personnel (when was the last time anyone was laid off?) or taking other actions to make government more efficient (try zero based budgeting). People are sick of high taxes, especially income taxes and estate taxes. Oregon needs to learn to do more with less, not just increase taxes whenever you need money.