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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition  
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or  
Topic: SB1599

No on moving the vote to May. My view is that 250,000 plus signed a contract to get this on the November ballot. Im not a lawyer, but changing the date should be illegal. The governor waited to sign the original, not thinking Oregonians would have enough time to get the vote on the November ballot. Well, they did. Now the Governor and others declare an emergency. What's the emergency? That you don't want Oregonians voting on the same date as they vote for Governor and your failed policies. You talk about affordability, housing, homelessness, yet you and the democrats have done nothing. The state ranks near the bottom in attracting new businesses, in fact many, Intel, Dutch Bros, and more have reduced jobs, even have moved head quarters to other, more friendly states. Now, with the threat of voters asking you to reduce costs, instead you want to increase taxes, fees, making Oregon even less affordable. You talk a good talk, but your actions speak otherwise. As a Senior Citizen, you should, like me, see where you can cut costs, not increase taxes and fees. It makes me sick the way, you Governor, act like a toddler. I dont want Oregonians to vote in November, so you want to appeal, so we can't vote on the referendum. You couldn't do that, so you want to move it to may. The Oregonians should sue the state, because you have violated the contract signed. You should balance the budget, cut costs, and let Oregonians have their say on the Transportation Bill in November. Stop acting like a toddler with a temper tantrum.