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

When we gathered signatures for this we told people that it would be on the November ballot. There is NO good reason to change this and disenfranchise voters EVEN FURTHER by changing the vote date for political reasons. How would you feel if you signed to support something being on the November ballot, got enough signatures, and then the opposing party changes the vote date to FURTHER try to silence Oregonians! Everyone knows the turnout for Spring elections is abysmal, so by moving it from November to Spring, you are effectively giving us no time to educate the population on the subject, making a liar out of all the citizens who told them it would be on the November ballot, and anyone who doesn't find out about the date change may not get a chance to vote on it! (Because they are expecting it in November, and they will be shocked and frustrated the date was changed and they missed their chance to vote.)

Your write terrible laws that are just another tax on Oregon citizens that we shouldn't even HAVE to fight you to get a vote on (hiding behind the thin excuse of it being a fee--news alert, fees are to defer expenses, NOT to raise money, that's a TAX). Now after we FORCE the vote (make no mistake Democrats we are pissed across all party lines about this), you try and move it to a time the least number of people are likely to vote on IT! DISGRACEFUL!

We will have a STRONG response to this come reelection time, don't count on staying in office if you keep abusing your citizenship.