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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition  
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

Moving the people's vote on the unpopular gas tax is a violation of the public trust. After being thwarted by the voters while attempting to railroad this bill through the legislature, moving the vote on this bill to the midterm election is in flagrant opposition to the stated will of all 250,000 petitioners. The referendum petition clearly stated that the vote for this unpopular bill will be November 2026. Moving the vote away from the general election will affect voter turnout and reveals Governor Kotek's actual motivation: attempting to distance herself from this toxic legislation.