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Underhanded Political Maneuvering by the Senate and Governor. 94% of testimony received on the original bill was in OPPOSITION and yet the legislature and Governor ignored the will of the people and signed this disastrous bill into law. The Governor, despite claiming this was an emergency, wasted hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars on a boondoggle trip to Japan, intentionally delaying signing the so-called "emergency" bill to cut the time to gather signatures to fight it down to about 1 month during the Thanksgiving-Christmas holiday season. Despite these underhanded tactics by the Governor, over 250,000 signatures were gathered to pause this massive taxation bill and place it on the NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION ballot. Now the Governor has directed the legislature to push the referendum to the May primary election, clearly another underhanded move to subvert the will of the people. The May primary has lower voter turnout, moves the referendum away from the same ballot on which Kotek will be running for re-election, and exploits voter short term memory in hopes they forget about it by November. This referendum MUST stay on the NOVEMBER 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION ballot.