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I was one of the many Oregonians who signed the referendum petition to put Governor Tina Kotek's transportation tax and fee hikes on the November 2026 ballot. I don't understand why there is an attempt to ram through SB 1599, a bill that moves the referendum from the November election to the May elections. Is this a purposeful attempt to have this election during a time where there is normally lower voter turnout thus an effort to silence Oregonians' voices?

Oregon law is clear that the referendum must be on the November ballot. Lawmakers should guarantee that the largest number of Oregon voters possible have a say in whether their taxes go up.

You work for us, all Oregonians including myself. I appose any attempt in moving this election to May!