

Submitter: Karyn Costello

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition 2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: Moves the election date for the parts of chapter 1, Oregon Laws 2025 (special session), referred to the people by Referendum Petition 2026-302, to the primary election held on May 19, 2026.

Legislators,

It is deeply disappointing that the citizens of Oregon must once again speak out after already signing a petition to place the \$4.3 billion tax increase on the November ballot. Oregonians have made their position clear, and it is time for our elected officials to listen.

We are frustrated and disheartened that our voices — and the will of the people — do not appear to be respected. Why would our legislators choose not to honor the clear message voters have sent? We have spoken loudly and clearly: we do not support this tax as it was imposed.

Now we are asking you to do the right thing for the people you represent. Do not move this measure to a May ballot. Doing so would undermine the very public process that citizens have already engaged in to ensure their voices are heard.

Oregonians exercised their democratic rights by signing the petition. Please respect that effort and allow the vote to remain in November.

Sincerely,
Karyn Costello