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REVIEWING AUTHORITIES

Please Accept my written testimony. I am in oppositions to this bill Why didn't Gov. Kotek appear before this committee. She Should have been at this hearing to listen to the people. This bill usurps the the initiative/referendum process. It violates the trust of the people and has the appearance of trickery. Trying to gerrymand the election by moving the election date to May which is approximately 3 months away.

Oregonians rank #3 in the nation as the poorest due to high taxes (18% more in personal income tax which in this proposal would raise the personal income tax. Oregon has the Cat tax whcih reduces Oregon jobs and shrinks personal income. The Oregon State government is ranked fourth biggest in the nation by per capita spending. Oregon has more tax cash than 46 other states. When is a true audit going to be done with ODOT and accountability restored?