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Because Oregonians are required to vote-by-mail, it's common sense to ensure that USPS processes and any changes to the USPS also be evaluated in relation to mail-in voting.

One issue for example: For the 2024 Primary Election, the USPS had delayed some ballots. Per Molly Woon, Oregon's elections director at the time, "This has happened in the past. USPS gives conflicting guidance to some local post offices on processing the business reply mail ballots," she said. "They are feeling like they need to count everything and document everything so that the billing can happen before they can get the clerks the ballot. That slows everything down."

(<https://www.opb.org/article/2024/05/16/oregon-elections-officials-meet-with-usps-after-reported-ballot-delays/>)

I support this bill. Thank you.