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This bill cannot be allowed to move forward. Oregon has demonstrated the efficiency and accuracy of a vote by mail system. We have done so for years and have higher voter turn out in nearly every voting opportunity compared to in-person voting only. This system enables those who are disadvantaged but still have the right to vote such as the elderly, disabled, or even the working parent that uses public transportation. The vote by mail system has tangible benefits that can be measured and reproduced. There is no benefit to restricting voting to in-person only. The current administration illegally challenged the results of the 2020 election and caused nothing but fear and mistrust in voting methods. Donald Trump has made it very clear that he has a vendetta against voting systems such as ours because we are 1) a democratic state and 2) our high turn out votes can be verified. This bill is nothing but a witch hunt intended to make it more difficult for American citizens to vote.

I would add that the sponsor's community has a large rural population and restricting voting to in-person may actually discourage those often Republican voters from voting.

Cancel this bill right now. It's not practical or fair.