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Requiring in-person voting on the date of election to be the standard method for conducting an election is a form of voter disenfranchisement rooted in racism, classism, ableism, and ageism. It is also anti-worker. It is well-established that getting to an in-person voting site is often difficult for many groups of people such as people living in rural areas, homeless people, people of color, disabled people, and elderly people as the sites tend to be in locations that are either difficult to access because of distance, lack of accessible public transit, and/or due to lack of disability accommodation. Additionally, many voters do not have the means to take time off work to go to an in-person voting site, often at their own financial expense, especially people of color. There is no reason to require in-person voting as the standard method except to further strip Oregonians of their lawful right to vote.