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I am in opposition to requiring in-person voting on the day of election. Requiring in-person voting over mail-in voting imposes unnecessary barriers to voter participation, particularly for individuals who face physical, logistical, or financial challenges. Many eligible voters, such as the elderly, disabled, or those living in rural areas, may find it difficult to make it to polling stations, especially if they lack transportation or have limited mobility. Additionally, in-person voting creates long lines and crowded conditions, which can discourage participation and lead to disenfranchisement. Mail-in voting, on the other hand, offers a convenient and accessible alternative that allows all citizens, regardless of their circumstances, to cast their votes safely and securely. By limiting access to mail-in voting, we risk excluding a significant portion of the population from the democratic process, undermining the core values of fairness and inclusivity. This type of legislation is a step backwards for Oregon.