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Requiring in-person voting is anti-democratic and I strongly oppose this bill. It silences the voices of hard working Oregonians who are literally at work during polling hours, unable to get to their polling place, sick, or injured. Beyond making it more difficult for each person to exercise their right to vote through pure physical logistics, in-person voting would lead to less informed voters. The vote-by-mail system we currently have in place allows voters to read candidate statements, read measures, and read opinions on proposed measures while they are filling out their ballot. This leads to informed decisions that would be lost if a voter were forced to enter a voting booth with limited time to make selections that align with their values. Vote-by-mail is safe and effective, has proven itself to be incredibly secure, and is something that Oregonians should be proud of. We have no business requiring in-person voting when we already have a system that works well. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.