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This bill will disenfranchise many residents of Oregon. It has been proven time and again that mail in voting is safe. The USPS delivers each ballot to the voter securely, and all states have a method for tracking who receives a mail-in ballot. Mail-in ballots leave a paper trail and the process of counting them can be audited to ensure checks and balances. Vote by mail also helps to advance equal access to the ballot among communities of color, and the more people vote by mail, the more efficiency we'll see at the polls for those who choose to vote in person.

Some voters may not be able to take off enough time from work to get to the polls on Election Day. Others may have children or other obligations that make it difficult to make time to vote.

People who vote by mail have an advantage when it comes to casting an informed vote, because they are able to research what's on their ballot after receiving it.

Voters can look up unfamiliar names and policies, research candidates' records, and gather any other information they need to make sure they are fully informed before marking their ballot. (From the ACLU)