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This legislation appears to terminate or limit mail-in voting. I oppose this action!!! Mail-in voting accommodates people with disabilities, people who have work schedules that preclude voting, and people who will be out of the area, state or country at the time of voting. And it allows for the bridging of many other circumstantial barriers, no doubt. A bigger reason to keep vote-by-mail is that it gives all Oregonians a reasonable opportunity to vote, a right and a privilege of US citizens. Democracy depends on citizen participation to remain strong; enabling voting should be the duty of all of us. Lastly, the dangers associated with polling places in today's world -- armed political opponents, intimidation by scary or large numbers of people (especially if 'costumed'), verbal abuse and threats -- -- cannot be ignored. Mail-in voting has been a safe and successful program for many years. I have been exceptionally satisfied using it. Personally, I see any effort to undermine vote-by-mail as an underhanded effort to limit who gets to vote.
I OPPOSE SB120.