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Voting by mail ensures I am able to research and educate myself on each candidate thoroughly so I can make the best informed decisions at my own pace that fits my own schedule. I strongly oppose this bill and wish for Oregon to keep Vote-by-Mail as the standard method. It's safe, convenient, and I can easily track my ballot by mail!

I've lived in states where in-person voting was required and can tell you: it sucks by comparison. The downsides of making in-person voting the standard are numerous. For example: it puts the burden on voters to take time off work to get to a polling location on the day, which will be crowded; some voters need to arrange transportation to get to the polling location, which takes more time; polling locations will require adequately trained staff; polling locations are at risk of closure due to lack of staff or bad actors calling in bomb threats; etc, etc, etc. Making in-person voting the standard method for conducting an election is too easy to disrupt, too expensive to maintain, and it limits the number of voters that can participate!

In short: Voting by mail is the superior method because it already allows more people to participate, which is the point.