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The U.S. state of Oregon established vote-by-mail as the standard mechanism for voting with Ballot Measure 60, a citizen's initiative, in 1998. The measure made Oregon the first state in the United States to conduct its elections exclusively by mail. The measure passed on November 3, 1998, by a margin of 69.4% to 30.6%.[1] Political scientists say Oregon's vote by mail system contributes to its highest-in-the-nation rate of voter turnout, at 61.5% of eligible voters.[2]. It also has the lowest voter fraud. I was one of the first group of people to vote at 18. Now at the age of 72, I love being able to put my ballot on my dinning room table with the voters pamphlet and take my time planning my vote. I then drive to my local library to drop it off my ballot. I get a text and email when my ballot is received and then again one when my vote is counted. You don't get those notices in a state that you have only one day to vote in, at your polling place after standing in line for hours!! Please vote to save vote by mail in OREGON, the only place I have ever lived!!!