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I first turned 18 in 2000, and every election I've participated in has been via mail-in ballot. Mail-in voting is perhaps the best, lowest cost democracy-enhancing way to expand and protect the power of citizens to have an active voice on their government. It grants them a convenient way to sit down and fill out their ballot at their pace, and ensures citizens the right to vote when they may not otherwise be able to make it to a polling place on election day (for instance, if they cannot get leave from work).

To try and take this institution away from Oregon voters is simply an attempt to disenfranchise wide swaths of Oregonians from being active democratic citizens.