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I oppose this bill. In-person voting is not democratic. While I believe Oregonian's are strong organizers, we do not have the resources to support thousands of voters exercising their vote on election day at the same time. Are we closing Oregon down that day and rounding everyone up like cattle? Many voters would be left out of the vote due to work or their residence being far from a local voting office. Disabled persons and the elderly would be less likely to participate if they had to commute/wait in a line to vote. Persons in long-term care or various forms of rehab would be silenced. Lastly, in-person voting silences the minority. It is well documented that in-person voting has discouraged minority voters in conservative states that have such voting. We've seen these voters waiting in line in heat waves attempting to exercise a freedom that should be easy to engage in, but is instead made intentionally difficult to suppress their vote. Oregon cannot be a state that accepts in-person voting as law. We cannot set that example. It would go against our freedom to exercise our vote in a way that works for the voters, not the candidates. So I reiterate that I firmly oppose this bill. Thank you.