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Vote by mail in Oregon is well established. It was approved in a citizen's ballot measure in 1998. It made Oregon the first state in the US to conduct our elections exclusively by mail. Polls show that it has maintained a high level of support among both Democrats and Republicans since it was passed..

Mail in voting provides the broadest access to participation in the voting process and, speaking as an elder, permits us to vote at home, rather than find transportation to a voting place. For everyone, it permits time to review voting materials and to make a reasoned choice, rather than in the haste of a voting booth.

Vote by mail is more cost effective than in-person balloting. Plus it provides a check and balance of 100% paper ballots that greatly minimize fraud and abuse.