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Why would a democratic government make it unnecessarily more difficult for its people to perform their civic responsibilities? The current system of participation is secure and broadly accessible. Why seek to make it less accessible and likely increase government costs?

Could it be to make participation more cumbersome in a hope that fewer people engage? Or to make it harder for demographics that tend to favor the opposition to vote? Maybe to redirect government funds toward private entities that benefit from these changes? Possibly to appease a political tyrant that falsely believes the system is flawed or insecure?

I look forward to following up with those who support this bill to understand which of these reasons justify making it more difficult for Oregonians to participate in their most basic and fundamental rights.