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I strongly oppose the proposed bill that will make in-person voting on the day of an election the only option in Oregon. The proposed bill would effectively disenfranchise many older people I know who have difficulty with mobility, driving, cost of transportation etc., which would prevent them getting to the voting booth. Additionally, many working people are unable to take time off or trade shifts, and often work long shifts in caretaking roles, after which they must care for their families. The current vote by mail system we enjoy in Oregon has offered a way for ALL citizens to exercise their rights to vote in a manner that is safe, effective, and does not impose an undue financial or time-based burden on them.

This should not even be a partisan issue, since many of the people for whom the proposed bill would impose a burden are those living in rural areas where there are likely to be even fewer in-person options to vote. And in Oregon, the rural areas then to vote along more conservative lines.

Please do not mess with a system that isn't broken! The vote by mail system in our state is a source of pride, and ensures that voting is fair and convenient for ALL citizens. I urge our representatives to hold the line and maintain this system that makes our state a great place to live!