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Since 1998, Oregon voters have voted by mail. It is overwhelmingly supported by Republicans, Democrats, and voters not affiliated with a political party. Voting by mail saves millions of dollars in years that include a primary and a general election.

In 2020, The Heritage Foundation published a report of what they claimed was a major problem of voter fraud where states offered vote-by-mail, "Database Swells to 1,285 Proven Cases of Voter Fraud in America. That same year, the Brookings Institution wrote an analysis of the Heritage study, "Low rates of fraud in vote-by-mail states show the benefits outweigh the risks." The Brookings article also included a table of the five states, at the time, that were using vote-by-mail prior to 2018. Oregon is included as one of the states. During the years, 2000-2019, the Heritage Foundation said there were 15 cases of voter fraud in Oregon while the number of votes cast during this period were 15,476,519.

Voting by mail in Oregon is not a problem. There is no reason and no evidence to eliminate it.