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Oregon should retain vote by mail.

In-person voting, especially if there's only 1 day for it, is a barrier for many people who have to work, don't have child care, don't have transportation, need assistance operating voting machines, or live in rural areas where there are places to vote. Decreasing barriers to voting, which is a right of citizenship and a privilege, is important so that more people, not less, get to vote.

Oregon does not have a problem with voter fraud; any such claims are 'fake news' or 'alternate facts' or just plain conspiracy theories. In the 2000 - 2019 election cycles about 61,000,000 votes were cast; 38 were convicted of fraud. That's a .00006% rate - it's just not a problem.

In 2024 Oregon purged 1200 voters from rolls due to lack of citizenship information. Only 9 had attempted to vote; out of 3,000,000 voters in the state that's .00003%. Again, it's just not a problem.

Enabling more people to vote should be the goal of any local, State, or Federal government. Creating barriers for citizens to vote should be illegal.