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Requiring in-person voting puts an enormous burden on the working class and will undoubtedly lead to a reduction in voting. This is the opposite of what we want in a democracy. This would be bad for Oregon.

When I came a voting age I lived in Tennessee and in-person voting was required. I had to go stand in line for hours in order to vote, even when utilizing early voting. A large number of people do not have the luxury of standing in line for hours when they need to work on a daily basis to provide for their families. Allowing more flexible voting empowers the people, and ensures better representation.

Allowing vote by mail allows people to take their time with voting, read their voter pamphlet booklet which comes in the mail and provides unbiased information from the candidates and third parties. People are able to vote when it is convenient for them, without having to try to take time off of work, find their specific polling place, or jump through other unnecessary hoops. Vote by mail has worked successfully for 24 years in Oregon, it has a proven track record, and should continue.