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I have voted in every election since moving to Oregon 30 years ago. So I have experienced both on-site voting and mail in voting. When I describe our process to others that do not have mail in voting, they are frustrated with their own elections and the difficulty they have in simply casting a vote.

We have a modern system of voting that enables citizens to vote for the candidates of their choice without the difficult task of the voter in getting to a polling station and then waiting in line. Why do we want to regress to the 1950's in our voting technology? We should be moving forward, not backwards. No hanging chads for Oregon.

Additionally, with real ID, the very documents that are required to establish citizen status have already been provided, and with registering voters at the same time as establishing ID, the whole idea of voter id at time of polling is moot. Since signatures are verified when the ballot is received and the citizen status had already been established, the worry of fraud is mitigated and the whole argument becomes invalid.

My time is valuable. I do not want to waste it in a polling station or in the time and cost of getting there. Will Oregon provide transportation to polling stations for senior citizens? Will Oregon reimburse me for the time and cost to get to the polling station?

This is a regressive bill and not worth legislators time to even consider it. I encourage you to vote no.