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This bill is a terrible idea intended to make voting more difficult and thus easier to suppress. Clearly the ulterior motive is to prevent people from voting. Oregon has built a great system, very secure. As an election vote tally observer last fall, I witnessed firsthand how thorough and careful elections offices are in verifying and tallying votes. The argument that there's any scintilla of meaningful fraud or insecurity is, not to put too fine a point on it, a goddamned cynical lie. Making voting easier increases citizen participation, which is critical for a healthy democracy. I can only see this bill as an anti-democratic gambit and urge senators in the strongest terms to reject it.