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I would like to retain vote-by-mail as the default option for voting in Oregon. I was a transplant from the Midwest, and have voted in each election here and there, and in both places have been presented with issues on the ballot that hadn't been covered in the news I'd seen so basically the first place I saw them was when I needed to vote. In Oregon, I had the time to research the issue and make an informed decision, as opposed to flipping a coin on something poorly understood because it was my only chance to be heard.

While I hear that the desire to remove this option is to prevent fraud, I also understand that proven cases of fraud are really few and far between (unless "fraud" is defined as "people didn't vote the way a person wanted them to"). What I suspect it will do is reduce voter turnout, increase the opportunity for voting place intimidation, and encourage more obscure-language measures that people won't have time to parse during the short period they are in the voting area. I love the mail in voting and encourage you to keep in.