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Repealing mail-in voting as the standard method in Oregon is a very bad idea. We always have a lot of issues, candidates, and propositions to vote on. The huge advantage of mail-in voting is that we have ample time to research all of our options and candidates at home, and make very considered choices. This results in high voter participation. There are no lines to stand in, no lost time from work, everyone can return their ballot at a time and a place (ballot return box, library, post office) convenient for them. No staff is required at polling places for security, organizing lines of people, etc.

There is a clear motive behind this proposal, which is to make voting less accessible for people who can't afford to take time off to go to a polling station, stand in line, etc. Voting by mail is the most convenient and secure method I have encountered and it should not be abolished in Oregon (if anything, it should become the national standard).