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Eliminating Vote-by-Mail would make it difficult for many Oregonians to vote, thus creating a barrier to the voting process. In particular, not being able to vote by mail in our state's rural areas would force people to drive hours to a voting location. They may have to take time off work to make the drive, or simply be unable to vote because they can't afford to take time off. Additionally, seniors, folks with disabilities, and those with mobility or other transportation issues will likewise be negatively impacted. This hardship is completely unnecessary, as our Oregon Vote-by Mail system has worked for decades. This bill undermines the accessibility and inclusivity of our voting process. Vote-by Mail significantly increases voter participation and streamlines the electoral process. There is absolutely no reason to change our current system.