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I am in opposition of this legislation that aims to make voting more difficult for people in this state. Oregon's current voting system is one to be admired and duplicated, not eliminated. Mail-in voting allows for a larger percentage of voters to participate and I feel changing this discriminates against people who have difficulty getting to an election location, people who are working multiple jobs to survive and have constraints on their time, people with young children and/or caregivers, and/or people with limited transportation options. As someone who moved here from a state that only did in-person voting, I can tell you my personal experience was not one that I would want to go back to. Temporary trailers and make-shift voting locations were set up in parking lots and there were frequently long lines to access locations to vote for the people who were able to travel there. This feels to me like an attempt to limit voting in our state at a time when all our voices are needed the most.