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It is a travesty that we are considering removing voting by mail as the primary way of voting. This is only being done to suppress the votes of people who have to work on election day. If this was paired with a mandatory paid holiday for all Oregonians, I potentially see the benefits, but as written, I firmly oppose it.

Average voter turnout in Oregon rose from 56.5% (1990-1998) to 63.3% (2000-2008), compared to national increases from 45.5% to 51.2% during the same periods. This is primarily due to the convenience of voting by mail.