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I vehemently oppose the bill that would repeal mail-in voting in Oregon. My husband and I are both disabled, and mail-in voting is the only way we can consistently participate in the democratic process. Mail-in voting provides us with enough time to thoroughly research and plan our vote, and being able to submit our ballot at any time between receiving our ballot and election day allows us to do so on a day when we are physically and mentally more capable. We can research in advance, yes, but we have no guarantee that we will be physically capable of going to the ballot box on election day.

I saw no mention of exemptions for disabilities, but even if there is, it is deeply unfair to add even more hoops for disabled people to jump through to participate in our society. Voting is a *right* and we should not be making it more difficult, especially in a time where AI and biometrics can make it easier than even to verify one's identity with an app.