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The purpose of an election is to determine the will of the electorate. This bill plainly fails in that purpose.

Mail-in voting is secure: There is simply no evidence that mail-in voting promotes voter fraud on a scale that could affect the outcome of an election. Even the Heritage Foundation lists a total of only 17 instances of voter fraud in Oregon between 1982-2024 (<https://electionfraud.heritage.org/search?state=or>).

Mail-in voting is accessible: The convenience of mail-in voting drives Oregon's perennially high voter turnout rates. High voter turnout directly correlates to how accurately an election reflects the will of the electorate. Restricting the convenience of voting disproportionately disenfranchises the underprivileged in our communities.

Mail-in voting is informed voting: The ability to fill out a ballot over the course of an afternoon, with a variety of informational resources at hand, ensures that the electorate is equipped to explore the issues and make informed choices.

Ending Oregon's safe and successful mail-in voting would be a betrayal of Oregonians who care about fair elections. I vigorously oppose this bill.