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I oppose this bill to eliminate mail-in voting as the standard method of voting for Oregonians.

Mail-in voting makes democracy more accessible to Oregonians. Many people have responsibilities and commitments, such as jobs or care for family, that would make in-person voting an unnecessary burden.

Additionally, changing the standard method of voting to in-person will not address the security concerns that some may have. Oregonians are already required to provide proof of identity when registering to vote, and there are mechanisms and methods in place to examine ballots to ensure they are valid. The only material effect of this bill would be to make voting harder and less efficient for Oregonians.

Mail-in voting gives all Oregonians the flexibility to better participate in elections, which is necessary for a healthy democracy.