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Voting by mail is an Oregon institution that protects everyone's access to the democratic process. We have had record voter turnout in recent years, and we should not be restricting access to our rights as Oregonians. This bill would directly cut out a huge portion of Oregonians from being able to freely participate in the necessary steps to maintaining our democracy. Oregonians who aren't able to take a day off from work to stand in line to vote, who physically can't stand in line for hours to vote, who can't withstand the cold or rain (that's basically guaranteed in a large section of the state) will be forcibly cut away from their right to representation and participation. In addition to this, the bill will increase cost-per-ballot significantly. In an already incredibly tight state budget, this is NOT how we should be spending our tax dollars. This bill is an ill-planned, short-sighted attack on our fundamental rights to participate in democracy, and I oppose it intensely.