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I am adamantly opposed to eliminating the mail in ballot process. This method has been extremely beneficial for busy families. Parents and workers cannot always easily access the polling stations during the times they are open. This is also true for disabled people, homebound seniors and ranchers who live 50 miles from a polling station. The last election proved that there was very little fraud found with the system (Oregonian article). No one wants to spend time in long lines in bad weather which occurred in the past. If people go to the polls to vote there would be the potential for fake ID being used. Also, the majority of Republicans still believe there was rampant fraud with the voting machines used at polls in the presidential election that Trump lost- bringing machines back would increase this potential - do they want to lose again?

In addition, who will pay for this change? Certainly, this will cost more and the logistics of setting up polls again, finding volunteers and or paid and vetted employees to assist the voters would be a nightmare.

These few of the many issues I bring up are the products of common-sense and basic business knowledge. One has to wonder why the Republican sponsors aren't using this type of knowledge. We need representatives who are good (both morally and financially) business wise people with their ears tuned to the needs of Oregonians and who will act accordingly. We do not need cowards who cannot say "no" to the very rich in Washington DC, who due to their wealth have never experienced the life and times of hard-working people. It's our right to determine our needs to enable as many Oregonians as possible to vote.