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I strongly oppose this proposed bill.

In my 24 years of living in Portland, Oregon, I have had multiple residences. In each home where I have lived, I have had elderly neighbors who have only been able to vote due to the wonderful option and reliable safe system of mail-in ballot voting. In each of these cases my elderly neighbor(s) did not have family locally. They did not have someone who could drive them to the ballot office in order to vote in person. I'm sure that there are many disabled citizens of Oregon, who also rely upon the ability to vote via mail-in ballot. As a registered nurse having worked in two major hospitals in Portland, I have met many residents of Oregon that have limited access to transportation of any kind for any purpose.

We are a democracy that should support our citizens being able to vote to an important elections at the national, state, and local levels.

Many elderly and/or disabled are not able to navigate Internet in order to sign up for absentee or mail-in voting.

We need to spend more efforts on increasing voter turnout and voter participation, rather than finding ways to limit voting to only those that are able to vote in person.

I repeat, I strongly oppose this bill.