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Purposely enforcing an in-person-only model for voting will have measurably negative impacts on voting accessibility. Generally, taking any action that decreases voting access is potentially an anti-democratic regression. Presently, we have a system that allows general access, even to Oregonians with circumstances that make in-person voting difficult or impossible. Removing the mail-in standard will objectively make legitimate voting more difficult, particularly with the removal of state-paid postage. Increasing voting friction without evidence that there is a problem to be solved makes me question the motives of those who agree with this course of action. This type of change should be well-understood and backed by evidence that solving the problem it addresses is worth the inevitable fallout. Without concrete evidence that there is in fact a problem to solve, and that this change would solve it, I oppose this bill.