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Oregon's mail ballots are really a gold-standard in mail balloting. It's a convenient method to vote taking time before submitting the ballot to closely scrutinize the issues at hand prior to submitting one's ballot. I have voted using in-person ballot casting on-the-day balloting and it's hectic, oftentimes weather driven. Oregon's voting by mail is easy, safe and has built-in safeguards to assure the voter is who they say they are. As I get older, I enjoy this method more and more as getting out to vote on election day only is getting harder to do. I believe this proposed bill is really a way to suppress voting, not enhance it. I lived in Colorado for many years as well, and their vote-by-mail balloting is very similar to Oregon's system.

I strongly support the current voting by mail system Oregon has successfully used for decades! Thank you for the opportunity to comment and lend my support.