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This bill is a solution in search of a problem. Oregon elections have been successfully administered through mail in ballots for over 25 years which has resulted in one of the highest rates of voter participation for any state in the country in each election since its implementation in 1998. At the same time, there has been extremely low rates of voter fraud (both intentional and inadvertent) that would have been prevented should elections have been held in person. Not only has mail in voting increased voter participation through safe and efficient elections, but it has created immense savings for Oregon taxpayers in reduced administration costs compared to other states that require in person voting.

Requiring in person voting will increase costs for Oregon taxpayers, create additional and unnecessary burdens for Oregonians who will now have to take time off of work to vote, and there isn't evidence of any voter fraud that this bill would purportedly prevent. Put simply, there is no compelling reason to change what has been a resounding success for Oregon for over 25 years. I unequivocally oppose this bill and encourage our representatives to do the same.