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Oregon's voter turnout under the current vote by mail system is among the highest in the nation, with over 75% average voter turnout in the last few presidential elections. The current system allows for the convenience of voting on our own time, while maintaining signature verified ballots. Since the 1998 measure to require elections by mail was approved by the majority of Oregon voters, this bill would rollback 27 years of voter will and progress. Requiring in-person voting would reduce voter turnout due to less convenience compared to current vote by mail and effectively dis-enfranchise voters that would have issues making it to any in-person voting.