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In-person voting on the day of an election requires people to have to take time off work to vote, which many people aren't able to do. Even people who aren't working would need to find a babysitter for their kids in order to go vote, which could be difficult and expensive. People with mobility issues would also be faced with the burden of getting out to vote. This is an obvious attempt to decrease voter turnout, and it's sickening. Voting in the comfort of my own home allows me to take several hours or days if needed to research candidates and measures thoroughly before I vote on them, at any time that suits me. Voting in person results in rushed, poor decisions because people can't take all the time they might need with their ballot to become properly informed. This bill restricts Oregonians' freedom and right to vote by making it substantially harder to do so. It would result in a smaller and less informed electorate, which is the entire point of this bill in the first place. It's been proven time and again that election fraud is extremely rare and is not a significant factor in our elections. Everyone who has claimed otherwise has never been able to produce any evidence to the contrary. This bill is not the "Oregon Way" and must be struck down.