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I am strongly opposed to this bill, or any bill, that seeks to eliminate vote by mail as the primary method for conducting elections in the state of Oregon. I first voted in an Oregon election more than 30 years ago; I also have experience voting in other states (not in the same elections!), and vote by mail is a far superior experience by virtually every measure:

- No waiting in lines.
- No need to take time off from work to vote (since the US, unlike many other countries, has not made Election Day a holiday).
- No need for rural voters to travel to a polling place, potentially in bad weather.
- I have the ability to carefully research and consider all candidates and measures from home while completing my ballot at leisure.
- I receive confirmation that my ballot has been received and counted.
- The fact that vote by mail uses a paper ballot that provides an audit trail.
- Much more convenient for seniors and the disabled.

This bill seems to serve the needs of exactly zero Oregon voters of any political party (or no party). In closing, since I assume profanity is frowned upon in written testimony -- although this bill richly deserves it -- I will simply say that it is a very dumb idea.