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Oregon's Vote by Mail system has worked well for nearly 25 years for the entire state. It is safe and secure. Yes, there was a hiccup with the DMV accidentally registering more than 1000 non-citizens to vote but that error was identified and addressed, and should not recur. That is not a sufficient reason to scrap the existing system.

Mail-in voting makes it easier for everyone who wants to have a say in our state government to participate, including residents with limited physical abilities or whose jobs do not allow them the luxury of taking time off from work to vote. It allows parents of sick children as well as adult children taking care of their aging parents to do so without sacrifice their right to make their voices heard simply because they can't make it to the polls on Election Day. It's also the safest way to cast a ballot for those who are immunocompromised. Everyone can fill out their ballots in the comforts of their own homes. No one has to wait in long lines for hours just to cast their vote. Lastly, since Oregon is no longer set up for in-person voting, the State would incur huge costs to purchase voting equipment and make the switch from mail-in voting to in-person voting. With budgets already tight, this is a ridiculous and senseless waste of tax payer dollars. Voting by mail is far more cost effective.

Absolutely do NOT get rid of Oregon's Vote by Mail system.