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In-person voting on election day is often unrealistic, as very few employers give the day off for voting. Further, the weather in Oregon is often raining and cold during election season, making it infeasible to wait in line for long periods. For people with disabilities, or living in rural areas, or living with unreliable transportation, in-person voting is even more challenging and potentially impossible.

Adding hurdles to mail-in voting, such as requiring "approval" for only specific exceptions such as overseas military, is tantamount to disenfranchisement for the large majority of people who cannot lose a work day, or for whom the realities of health and life preclude spending a day voting.

Please do not approve this measure.