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I strongly oppose making in-person voting the standard method of voting. Consider the logistical and financial ramifications of having 4.2 million people take a day off to overwhelm polling booths. Does Senator David Brock Smith have any plans to open and operate that many new polling facilities? The bill states that it, "May Have Fiscal Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued." In 2024, Oregon had the lowest Cost of Voting Index value due to our universal mail-in ballots. Does Senator Smith have any plans to cover these additional costs? This proposed change will likely push us to the other end of the Index.

Also, bomb threats closed polling stations during this last election and rural communities have far fewer places to vote overall. It puts those communities at greater risk for disenfranchisement.

Overall, maintaining our current mail-in voting practices is the best case scenario for all Oregonians.