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Oregon vote by mail has only proven an effective way to engage a greater majority of citizens in their right to vote. In particular, as long as voting days are not holidays, countless Oregon citizens are at the mercy of work schedules, family obligations (school pick-up / drop-off, feeding schedules, etc.) and other restrictions on their time which limit realistic access to narrowly timed and specifically located polling. Beyond that, those of us with health impairments and disabilities face additional difficulty, risk, and often literal inability to travel to in-person voting on election days. Even as a registered Republican, myself, I do not remotely support Sen. David Brock Smith's proposed legislation. He has utterly failed to provide real evidence as to any harm or necessity for the proposed change. Rather, it is clear that rather than do the work of articulating and advancing meaningful policy and accomplishments to win voters, he simply hopes to impede the rights and access of citizens - especially the less fortunate - in hopes of seizing power through oppression, not leadership.