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I strongly oppose this measure. Taking away vote by mail is unreasonable. Vote by mail is the best way to allow the most voter involvement in democracy in our state, voters can evaluate candidates from the comfort of their home and have discussions with community members about candidates and measures. Our current vote by mail system is the best, most effective, most accessible and best value for expenditure possible. In person voting would be more costly and inaccessible for many. Vote in person is skewed to value the vote of the few that have the luxury of voting when others may not be able to get the time off of work to go to the polls. Vote in person means long lines at the polls and lots of wasted human time and resources. Overall vote in person MUST be much more expensive for the state! The current system is well designed and WORKS!!! Please keep our voting the way it is now, do not change it, do not pass this bill! Voting by mail allows people that have disabilities participate in voting, it allows people who have to work every hour of most every day and care for loved ones the opportunity to vote. Voting needs to be protected and vote by mail needs to remain the voting method for Oregon. Oregon was one of the first states to adopt vote by mail, it has been demonstrated effective, efficient, cost-effective, inclusive and democratic! Eliminating vote by mail, even restricting access, would be costly and damaging to our democracy. Maintain the current effective system that WORKS and we see that it works by our high voter turnout!