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I strongly oppose this measure that would require in-person voting. The current mail-in voting system is one of the best programs in Oregon and is one of the core reasons I am proud to be an Oregonian. Mail-in voting is safer, easier, more secure, and most importantly, it gives all registered voters an equal opportunity to submit their vote. Mail-in voting also allows us to take our time to read through the available voting measures and candidates to ensure we can make a fully researched decision on who and for what we place our votes. As an independent voter, I deeply appreciate having this time to research the decisions I am asked to make as a voter since these are not always clear-cut choices. This is not possible in a crowded polling room - having lived previously in 2 other states that require in-person voting, I am well aware of how much more challenging it can be to vote when in-person is required and I do not want to see Oregon regress back to that. As someone who works an 8-5, Mon-Fri, job, it is unnecessarily difficult to forego my work to go in-person to a polling office (especially when polling lines can take anywhere from 20 minutes to 8 hours, there's no way of knowing that until you arrive!), when I could instead fill out a ballot at home on my own time.