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Mail-in voting as a standard is one of the aspects that sets Oregon apart from other states and encourages increased voter turnout. Reverting to an antiquated means of in-person voting on the day of an election is unnecessary, will increase costs, decrease voter turnout, and further instill the feeling that the legislature is intentionally designing the process to make citizens less involved in the voting process. This is clearly an initiative to disenfranchise Oregonians who work or are in school full time or otherwise incapable of physically visiting a polling station. There is no evidence that mail-in voting is any less secure than in-person, and in fact it is more efficient and cost-effective. I am extremely disappointed in our legislature that they would even entertain such a bill; clearly they do not have the public's best interests in mind.