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As a registered Oregon voter, I strongly oppose this measure to eliminate vote by mail in Oregon. Vote by mail has been proven to be safe and effective for 20+ years.

The measure to switch back to in-person voting as standard (along with photo ID requirements) is a thinly veiled attempt to disenfranchise lower income, minority, and senior voters who may have less ability to appear in person on a specific day.

It has also been shown that vote by mail is approximately 30% less expensive for the state to administer than in person voting. Any potential postage savings of this measure will be replaced (and more) by the facility rental, equipment purchases, and staffing costs for in-person voting.

Asking voters to pay more for a less effective and less equitable process does not make sense and is wasteful of tax payer resources.