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I am opposing this bill because it undermines the progress Oregon and the country has made towards a better democracy and voting system. In-person voting on the date of an election being the standard, and only, method of voting is extremely prohibitive to many voter groups but especially the disabled community. The voting by mail system is a process that works well and does not need to be changed. Voting via mail allows for voters to cast their votes privately and safely without fear of harassment from interpersonal relationships or from strangers at an in person voting site. Oregon remains a state that consistently has one of the highest voter turn out rates in the country because of this sytem, showing that is crucial the system stay in place. Voting for our elected officials is a civic duty for any citizen and as such, we should be allowed to do so without limitations.