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Per the State of Oregon's own website, a review of the vote by mail system? by the state's Legislative Fiscal Office found from 2000-2019 there were approximately 61 million ballots cast. Of those, 38 criminal convictions of voter fraud were obtained. This amounts to a .00006% rate - being struck by lightning is more likely! A functional democracy depends upon the ability for ALL eligible voters to cast their vote. Requiring in-person votes inhibits the ability of some to exercise their constitutional right, based on their transportation options, their work commitments, weather impacts, medical condition, business or personal travel obligations, etc.

It seems to me that the people who claim in-person voting will restore public confidence in election security are the same people who undermined public confidence by repeatedly spreading misinformation in the first place. If they want to raise public confidence they can help to publicize the FACTS on the OR Secretary of State's website (cited above). Rather than waste taxpayer dollars on a bill that's clearly contrary to the facts, I suggest Senator Smith focus his attention on the real problems facing Oregonians.