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This proposal is anti-democratic, and typical of the current mindset of the Republican Party. Oregon has long been a leader in voter enablement via the mail voting, which should be the goal of any party regardless of ideology. A party confident in the strength of their ideas and policies should have no need to restrict access to voting, as they will be able to sway voters easily.

The fact that actual voter fraud is vanishingly rare in the United States and that Oregon is a perennial Democratic vote indicates the proposed bill is an attempt to suppress votes that the GOP dislikes and artificially change election outcomes. This placement of a procedural thumb on the scale in favor of a particular party runs counter to the core principles of a free and fair democracy, and the people advancing this bill should be ashamed of such a naked power grab attempt. That they are incapable of feeling shame is an indicator of the damage Trump and his ilk have done and will continue to do to America.