

I am writing in opposition to HB2681. I strongly object to this bill and urge all Senators to vote No on it.

HB 2681 works in complete reverse of protecting voters. In the name of the general pool of inactive voters, this bill not only would create all sorts of nightmarish issues for the admin who maintain the election process, it would completely disenfranchise ALL the rest of the active voters.

By passing this bill, you are taking what was already very lenient, pro-voter maintenance of the voter registration rolls to a level that makes it a completely irrelevant list of all voters over an extremely long period of time. The passage of this bill will create more distrust among voters and potential voters where there was already cause to be alarmed, based on many things we've seen from other states. We don't want to be a part of the overall problem election integrity. We, as Oregonians, want to be part of the solution. Let's show the other states how a mail-in election system can perform the best for the very thing it's put in place for, one vote per voter.

One of the remedies to addressing distrust in the system is the ability to have the system be audited and cleaned up from time to time for necessary transparency and accuracy. If people believe the voter rolls are accurate, and that vote tallies are accurate, they have faith in the system and actually use the system.

Please consider the whole of the voting public rather than the interests of just a few loud special interest groups. It doesn't benefit any political party for people to lose faith in the democratic process. The passage of bills like HB 2681 will work to erode faith in the democratic process to the detriment of the society as a whole.

Thank you,
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