

Re: SB 210

Carolynn Kohout, of Hillsboro, Washington County, a Personal Care Attendant, Homecare Worker, Personal Support Worker, and a SEIU Local 99 leader.

Voting by mail has been the ordinary manner of electing candidates and accepting or rejecting ballot measures for decades. There is no reason nor precedent to change this procedure and custom.

Being required to show government-issued identification when voting or requesting a ballot to be mailed rescinds trust currently held about the voting public. Ballots are currently mailed to legally registered voters at their current addresses – NO current breach of trust.

In California, where I was raised, in-person voting was not required to show government-issued identification at the polling station.

With unpredictable mail service, due to Federal “tinkering...” with the U.S. Postal Service, it is not rational nor practical to expect a letter to reach any destination by a date specific.

The State paying postage to mail a ballot – for those who do not drop it off at a drop-box – has no grounding in procedure and custom. There are many, safely placed, and well utilized drop boxes in all communities in the state. The reality of a substantial cost for paying ballot postage is likely miniscule.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.