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SB210

I strongly oppose bill SB210 on the simple (and seemingly obvious) grounds that its purpose is not to improve or secure the voting process in Oregon, but to undermine it to the detriment of everyone. This measure would single-handedly alienate potential voters who do not have the ability (due to disability) or opportunity (due to strict and/or unforgiving employment requirements). Not to mention the likely cost and potential security concerns incurred by forcing everyone to coalesce in a single location to vote. Wait times may cause many potential voters to not be counted, simply because they weren't there earlier, assuming that would've been possible. All of these concerns are alleviated by our current mail-in voting process. Also consider the fact that the history of Oregon's "Vote by mail" system had been under evaluation since the early 80's before becoming the primary method of voting back in the early 2000's. In that time, if it had been compromised or corrupted we, the electorate, would've noticed by now and made our concerns known, calling for either its reform or abolishment ourselves.