

To: Senate Committee on Rules
From: Aileen Kaye
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Re: "No" on SB 210 which advocates ending vote-by-mail

Dear Chair Jama and Vice-Chair Bonham,

I urge you to vote "No" on SB 210 and to not pass it out of committee.

I am a long-time PCP with the Marion County Democratic Central Committee. I have been active in our Neighborhood Leader Program which educates people about upcoming elections and the voting process. I have gone door-to-door for several years and can tell you that the vast majority of Oregonians love vote-by-mail.

Oregonians voted for vote-by-mail (M. 60) in 1998 and passed it 69.4% to 30.6%! Our state has the 5th highest voter turnout in the United States! Why is this even being heard?

I am against this bill also because:

1. It makes it very difficult for people who have disabilities or are homebound to vote or even to get a vote-by-mail ballot. My 98 year old neighbor votes in every election. He is a staunch Republican. He is not able to go to an election office to get a ballot! **This is a cruel and needless piece of legislation.**
2. It makes it difficult for people who work to get to the polls!
3. The number of voting booths and staff would cost a fortune!
4. Just to get this onto the ballot and have to have a very expensive election campaign about it is a total waste of money and time!
5. Oregonians love vote by mail. We do NOT have a fraud problem!

Please vote "No" on SB 201. This is a very irresponsible bill.

Thank you.