

Submitter: Sean Taitano
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210
To the Senate Committee On Rules

I strongly oppose any attempt to remove or substantially impair the mail-in-voting process in the State of Oregon. We have a long history of safe and secure voting by mail in the northwest. I myself have been reached out to for confirmation and validation of my ballot simply for my signature not exactly matching what was on file, so I am confident that our existing process is more than sufficient to ensure there is no fraud or improper voting.

Making something more difficult reduces how many people will do it. Restricting voting to in-person, not to mention allowing it only on election day, and even worse, with a specific form of ID, is a voter suppression tactic, plain and simple. Despite the constant harping by some about the safety and security of our elections, there is no strong compelling evidence that such fraud and insecurity is in any way rampant or even of consequence to elections in Oregon. Sen. DB Smith knows this, and is attempting to use fearmongering tactics to get what is essentially a voter suppression bill put in place.

Oregon is no place for this kind of behavior and blatant disregard for the truth: Elections in Oregon are safe, secure, and easy to participate in, and that's the way it should stay.

The sponsors and supporters of this bill should be ashamed of themselves for their blatant attack on our democratic institutions, and I encourage the Committee to kill this bill.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sean Taitano - Independence OR