

Submitter: Barbara Cervone
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Mail voting has been in use since it helped soldiers cast ballots during the Civil War. Mail voting has been increasing in usage since the 1980s, with unprecedented expansions taking place since the COVID-19 pandemic. Mail voting is a safe, secure, and reliable voting method used by voters of all political parties. When my husband and I moved to Oregon seven years ago, after 50 years living in the Northeast, one of the things that we welcomed most, in addition to the gorgeous landscape and free spirits, was mail voting--a first for us. Mail voting not only increases voter participation, but accommodates voters with disabilities, voters who live far from a polling place, and so much more.

Voting by mail is also cost effective and easier to manage with ballots and instructions sent out in advance of election days. Mail voting, also referred to as absentee voting, has been in use since it helped soldiers cast ballots during the Civil War. Mail voting has been increasing in usage since the 1980s, with unprecedented expansions taking place since the COVID-19 pandemic. Mail voting is a safe, secure, and reliable voting method used by voters of all political parties.