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SB210

I firmly oppose SB 210. Oregon's current voting system is working well and should not be changed. Mail-in voting is better than in-person voting, because (1) it does not require voters to take time off work, (2) it does not require voters who are parents to arrange for child care, (3) it does not require transportation, (4) it does not require college students to take time away from classes, and (5) it does not require anyone to wait in line, which is difficult for those who are disabled or elderly. No fraud has ever been detected in Oregon's vote-by-mail system. SB 210, if passed, would create unreasonable barriers to voting. Having lived in states with both in-person voting and mail-in voting, I can confidently say that mail-in voting allows more people to participate in democracy by voting.