

I oppose Senate Bill 210. Requiring voters to vote in-person on the day of an election is unnecessary and inconvenient. This will lead to voter suppression. The bill allows for members of the military to still vote by mail. Why not all voters? Why are those votes considered safe while others are not?

We have a long history of free and fair elections being held in Oregon with everyone voting by mail. There have been very, very few cases of voter fraud. Those that have been convicted have primarily voted in two states (often accidentally), but convictions are rare. Why the need to change something that works?

I can see no advantage for having to take off work as a public school teacher, make sub plans, and vote in person. When I vote by mail, it allows me to research the candidates and be a better informed voter.

While voting in-person on the day of the election is irritating for me, it is downright inconvenient and nearly impossible for many. Elderly and disabled folks along with people that live far from voting booths and those without their own mode of transportation face more difficulties than I do. What requirements will people have to show to prove that they need an absentee ballot? How do you ensure that those will be given to those that truly need it?

I wholeheartedly oppose this bill. It does nothing to add to election integrity because it seeks to solve a problem that does not exist. Our elections in Oregon are already secure and passing this bill will only suppress the vote and cause inconveniences to the voters.

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