

Submitter: Carol McClelland Fields
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

March 29th, 2025

TO: Senate Committee on Rules

ON BEHALF OF: <All Registered Oregon Voter's Voices>

FROM: <NAME>

SUBJECT: Oppose SB 210 – Makes in person voting on the date of an election the standard method for conducting an election

Dear Chair Jama, Vice Chair Bonham, and Members of the Committee,
I strongly oppose SB210 as it disenfranchises working people who cannot take the day to stand in line to vote: Caregivers, people with disabilities, seniors, parents who are caring for young children, citizens who lack transportation to polling sites, etc. Oregon's vote by mail system has been working flawlessly for decades and supports voting access for our voters who have real challenges that same day, in person voting would exacerbate. With our current vote by mail system we assure that all registered voter's voices are heard.

This system reduces the stress of voting. You can make your decisions in the quiet of your own home, fill out your ballot, and then take it to a local ballot box. The fact that it is the same process each time makes it easy to vote.

There is NO need to search for the proper precinct, dealing with lengthy lines during a busy day, sorting out early voting options.

I am reassured that the ballot I deposit in a ballot box in my neighborhood will be counted. Why mess with a process that is working well!?

I urge you to oppose SB 210 and to continue supporting policies that make voting as accessible and equitable as possible for all citizens.

Thank you for your time consideration.

Sincerely,

Carol McClelland Fields, PhD.