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To: Senate Committee on Rules, SB210  
OPPOSE the voter-suppression bill SB210

The only reason to require people to vote in person is to reduce voter turnout, to the benefit of a political party.

Requiring people to register in person at least three weeks ahead of an election would create an incredible hardship on those who are physically unable to travel or to wait in lines. Consider carefully the actual hardships facing people who would need to make sacrifices to register in person: lost wages, cost of transportation and travel time, child care, medical conditions, and all that is required to register in person and vote in person. Recent violence around voting in person demonstrates that it is NOT SAFE. Instead, voting by mail gives the voter time to review the candidates, measures, and make informed voting choices. Oregon's current vote-by-mail system, in place since the 1990's, is safe and fraud is rare. However, it has become a challenge to make informed decisions because of strong political influences through social media, -- lies and unethical and illegal activities. Candidates must be willing to support rule of law, defend and promote the Constitution of the United States, and do their jobs for the betterment of the people.

If passed, this voting in person bill would result in voters losing their opportunity to exercise their constitutional rights to make their voices heard. Our democracy is stronger when every eligible voter is able to vote easily, safely, and with transparency from the candidates.

Oppose this voter suppression bill. Thank you.