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Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB210

I strongly OPPOSE SB 210 which would eliminate Oregon's vote by mail elections and instead require the majority of voters to appear in person at polling places on election day.

Oregon's vote by mail has long proven to be a safe secure way to allow people to participate in democracy.

There has been no notable voting fraud warranting a change to vote by mail and is a red-herring to reduce access to voting.

Oregon's vote by mail allows individuals to spend the time to research candidates and measures to make an informed decision and vote at home at a time that is convenient for them.

By eliminating Oregon's vote-by-mail you also target individuals who are unable to vote in person - those who may be physically disabled, those who are elderly, those who are unable to take time off work.

Please do not ruin one of the nation's best processes for engaging the community to vote by by replacing it with this proposed requirement of in-person voting.

Again, I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 210.