

Regarding S.B. 210 (2025):

I urge you to defeat this bill, which attempts to establish in-person voting as the standard method of voting in Oregon, because:

- As an attempt to decrease voting fraud, the bill is unnecessary. In 2020, the Brookings Institute<sup>1</sup>, using the data from the Heritage Foundation voting fraud database<sup>2</sup>, and found that from 2000-2019, the total number of cases of voting fraud using vote-by-mail was 14, in 15,476,519 ballots cast, literally less than one case per million ballots.
- Assuming precincts will not be available 24 hours per day, the bill will disenfranchise many low-income voters who work multiple jobs. The Oregon Employment Department reported that 97,000 Oregonians held more than one job in addition to their primary job and were considered multiple jobholders in 2022<sup>3</sup>.
- The summary of the bill does not indicate that vote-by-mail is the primary method of voting for those who are disabled and unable to vote in person<sup>4</sup>.
- The bill will make the voting process more stressful and error-prone. Currently, voters can fill out their ballots in the comfort of their own homes at times that are convenient, researching candidates and measures as needed, and taking time to double-check their ballot. In a precinct voting place, especially at peak hours, there is a perceived pressure to “hurry, hurry, hurry”, while standing in a tiny booth, possibly dealing with small children as they attempt to vote.
- For vote-by-mail ballots, the bill makes no allowance for the much lengthier delivery times which are now the norm for the United States Postal System. This bill could easily disenfranchise a voter who mailed a ballot up to 3 days before the election. There is no need for such haste: even in a Presidential election, there is plenty of time to complete a count before the Electoral College convenes in mid-December.

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1 **Low rates of fraud in vote-by-mail states show the benefits outweigh the risks**  
<https://www.brookings.edu/articles/low-rates-of-fraud-in-vote-by-mail-states-show-the-benefits-outweigh-the-risks>

2 **Heritage Database | Election Fraud Map**  
<https://electionfraud.heritage.org/search>

3 **It Takes Two (or More): Oregon’s Multiple Jobholders in 2022**  
<https://statelibraryor.recollectcms.com/nodes/view/136175>

4 At <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Measures/Overview/SB210>, the “Text” tab contains no text, and I am judging the bill from the summary in the “Analysis” tab.