

Submitter: Elisha Hocking
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Dear Chair Jama, Vice Chair Bonham, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Elisha Hocking and I am a resident in the city of Eugene. I am writing you to let you know my strong opposition to SB 210. This bill is predicated on unfounded and unproven claims of election interference and voter fraud. It demands the state, currently facing a budget shortfall, to implement an expensive and labor intensive system to address a non-problem. Proudly, Oregon already maintains a safe, secure, and most importantly very accessible vote by mail system. This system allows every Oregonian the time to vote and it has been a successful and inclusive infrastructure of democracy for 30 years. As a past resident of the states of Ohio and Michigan, I have personally faced time constraints with work schedules and poll accessibility in order to vote. This bill will surely disenfranchise many Oregonians with limited absentee options, polling sites, and voting limited to Election Day. I urge all citizens and legislators to oppose this bill and keep Oregon's current pioneering, accessible, and equitable vote by mail system.

Sincerely,
Elisha Hocking