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SB210

Voting by mail in Oregon has been a safe and convenient way to vote for decades. This bill is a solution without a problem.

I appreciate the ability to review my ballot and deliberate in the comfort of my home. I know that once I have made my selections and popped it in the mail, my vote will be counted in a safe and secure manner. Vote by mail is cost-effective, not only for the government (state and local), but also for the citizens of the state. I remember the days of getting off work, figuring out childcare and dinner, then hustling to my polling place to stand in line to cast my vote before the poll closed. I did it because that was the only option.

While the bill offers an option to request an absentee ballot, putting the onerous on voters to make sure they request it and then return it in the time required is a hinderance to voting rather than an effort to make voting more accessible to all.

Per the Secretary of State's website:

"Is voter fraud a problem in Oregon?

No. Oregon elections are secure and protected against voter fraud in all but exceedingly rare instances.

A review of the vote by mail system by the state's Legislative Fiscal Office found from 2000-2019 there were

approximately 61 million ballots cast. Of those, 38 criminal convictions of voter fraud were obtained.

This amounts to a .00006% rate."

Voter fraud is NOT been a problem in Oregon.

I strongly urge a NO vote on this bill.