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I encourage legislators to soundly reject SB210. This legislation is searching for a problem that does not exist. The Oregon mail-in ballot system is secure and has been used as a model system for state elections across the US. In addition, it promotes participation in elections by making the process more accessible for the citizens of the state and permits thoughtful consideration of the candidates and issues before casting their vote. There is no benefit to in-person voting unless the legislators also plan to create Election Day as a holiday. If not, then the legislation will likely decrease participation in voting since not everyone can take time out of their work day to make it to a polling place. In addition, the legislation will increase the cost burden to the counties that would now have to expand election staff, secure polling place locations, and hire and train volunteers to be at the various polling stations. How will the legislation ensure there are sufficient polling places in all communities? These are all issues that are not addressed in the legislation and unnecessary since the current mail-in ballot system does not have any voter fraud issues. The only thing this legislation will do is disenfranchise voters and cost the state and counties more to run. I urge the committee to strongly oppose this legislation.