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I oppose this bill because, SB 210 trades ease and accessibility (vote-by-mail, drop boxes, prepaid postage) for a model that aims to increase perceived security and standardization, but which will suppress turnout or make voting harder for many. Oregon has one of the highest voter turnout rates in the nation, largely due to vote-by-mail, and the arguments that there are large instances of fraud are generally unfounded. And there's no widespread evidence of voter fraud that ID laws would solve.

Any bill that would cause a reduction in participation and voter turnout is not a good thing. The security risks can be mitigated with other means that don't imply the removal of rights for the population.