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This bill is essentially another voter suppression tactic by the republican party.

Vote by mail ensures that anyone that wants to vote may do so regardless of their circumstance.

Oregon's vote by mail system has worked for years with very few incidences of fraud.

The majority of voters have jobs that require them to be at work during most of the day on election days. Under the rules of SB210 the polling locations would only be required

to be open for eight hours and close at 8 p.m.

Additionally, the rules make it so that there could potentially be only one polling booth to serve 35,000 voters in some counties on voting day.

There are many electors that would not be able to get to the polling location or stand in line potentially for hours in the cold and rain. The elderly, the handicapped and the bedridden would have a very difficult time getting to the polls and most will likely not vote.

If an elector is unable to vote on election day due to unforeseen circumstances (such as hospitalization, incarceration, called out of town unexpectedly etc.) they would not be allowed to cast a vote since there is a 21 day advance written request requirement.

These are just a couple of examples of voter suppression that I found in this bill. There are probably more.

Oppose this bill!