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SB210 is unnecessary and anti-democratic.

"The U.S. state of Oregon established vote-by-mail as the standard mechanism for voting with Ballot Measure 60, a citizen's initiative, in 1998. The measure made Oregon the first state in the United States to conduct its elections exclusively by mail. The measure passed on November 3, 1998, by a margin of 69.4% to 30.6%. Political scientists say Oregon's vote by mail system contributes to its highest-in-the-nation rate of voter turnout, at 61.5% of eligible voters." [Source: Wikipedia].

SB210 is a clear voter suppression effort. It plays into the false narratives promoted by politicians who believe that voter suppression will make possible their control of our representative bodies of government.

There is no problem with the vote-by-mail system in Oregon. It is safe, efficient, well constructed, and has been familiar to Oregon voters and well implemented for decades. VOTE NO.