

Submitter: Sean Scorvo  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210  
To Whom It May Concern;

I am submitting testimony in opposition of SB210.

I have three reasons for my opposition:

1. It is a solution in search of a problem as there are safeguards in place to prevent voter fraud, validate signatures, and ensure that those that register to vote are eligible to vote. I myself have had my signature questioned (rightfully) given a change in my penmanship subsequent to a hand injury, and I was thankful for the contact and oversight as they indicate that systems maintaining vote integrity are in place and functional.
2. The bill's sponsors tout a lack of faith in the State's election process and a desire for greater transparency while offering no proof that either is a problem. Simultaneously, the sponsors fail to acknowledge the very real concerns associated with access to polling places, the propensity for some of the electorate to partake in voter intimidation, or the cost and staffing associated with changing back to in-person voting.
3. The bill WOULD serve to disenfranchise voters without transportation to a polling place, the elderly or infirm for whom public places are inaccessible or even dangerous (e.g. the immunocompromised), and those whose work precludes them from voting during business hours.

In short, I believe SB210 to be a 'solution' in search of a problem, a straw man argument, and a grotesque attempt to disenfranchise Oregon voters. I urge you to vote against releasing this bill from committee.