



American Association of University Professors

Academic Freedom for a Free Society

March 31, 2025

Senate Committee on Rules

Re: SB 210 – Oppose

Chair Jama, Vice Chair Bonham, and members of the committee:

On behalf of the more than 6,300 faculty represented by the American Association of University Professors in Oregon, our collective bargaining chapters at the University of Oregon, Portland State University, Oregon State University, and Oregon Tech, and our faculty members in advocacy chapters across Oregon, we urge you to oppose SB 210.

Passage of SB 210 will undermine Oregon's democracy and will suppress voter participation in the electoral process, which is the clear intent of this bill. The bill seems to be based on the false claim that voting by mail corrupts our democratic process and weakens ballot security. This is plainly false, and zero evidence has been presented to demonstrate otherwise. Oregon's vote by mail system is safe, secure, and effective, not to mention more cost-effective than in-person voting.

Last year, the United States Supreme Court refused [to hear a case brought to undermine our vote by mail system](#). If a court dominated by conservative justices finds no basis for these false claims against Oregon's voting system, there is no reason for our legislature to consider this bill.

For the good of our democracy, please oppose SB 210. Thank you for your consideration.

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