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I oppose SB210. The vote-by-mail system has been a successful method for citizens to vote in state, special and federal elections for years in Oregon. The method has shown to be not only secure but has allowed for more citizens to have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote. Vote-by-mail provides a fair and secure way to have a voice in our government regardless of status; disabled/able-bodied, working/non-working, old/young and republican/democrat/independent. Citizens are able to research and evaluate the choices before them and cast their vote carefully and at their own pace. Those that favor "in-person" voting are banking that if it is more difficult to vote for those that are less mobile or unable to take time off from one or multiple jobs or without adequate child care then they will be more able to shape voting results. It is the right as a citizen of this country to participate in our elections and We The People should be encouraged to make our voices heard.