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I OPPOSE SB210. Our current voting system in Oregon WORKS! Many people are not able to secure time off from work on voting days. Polling places are sometimes far from where people live. This is especially true in rural areas and sparsely populated areas. What if someone doesn't have transportation to a polling place? What if there is inclement weather or a natural event such as a fire or a storm on election day?

What if someone supports their family on an hourly wage and simply cannot afford to take time off to get to a polling place on election day? Are we asking them to choose between voting and feeding their children?

Mail-in ballots allow everyone time to study the issues, consider their vote, complete the voting process, and drop off their ballots in secure drop boxes or send them by mail. Without losing wages and without risking travel in inclement weather.