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The bill submitted for consideration, SB 210, is an unnecessary revision to our existing election procedures. Vote by mail has been a proven method in Oregon for many years now, providing a secure means of voting. It allows for the elderly, handicapped and working individuals to easily take part in elections. Going back to a method that places an undue and unnecessary burden on everyone with in person voting will, in all indications, reduce the percentage of people who take part in our election process. Possibly disenfranchising a large number of voters would seriously affect the integrity of our elections. There is no proof that our mail in voting process is anything other than the best way to insure Oregon citizens have the right to vote in the most secure, expeditious way possible. It is the gold standard for vote by mail and should remain so for the future.