

SB 029
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
Oppose

February 4, 2021

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide my written testimony. I strongly oppose SB 029. Voting in-person on election day worked for hundreds of years. The system isn't broken and does not need to be "fixed."

This bill undermines the public's faith in the election system. When a voter places their ballot in a secure location on Election Day or during early voting, they know their ballot is secret and will be counted. They have no such assurance when voting by mail. Mass-mailed ballots are subject to being "harvested" by removing them from mail boxes or from trash cans. Harvesting groups can unfairly pressure voters, particularly elderly and young voters. Mass mailing ballots also opens the door to abuses such as deceased people voting or people voting who no longer live in the state. These problems in turn are due to the lack of proper vetting of voters lists.

Please deliver an unfavorable report on SB 029. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Sincerely,

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