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Oregon Senate Bill 210 proposes transitioning from universal vote-by-mail to in-person voting, a move supporters believe will enhance election integrity, civic engagement, and public confidence.

In-person voting reduces risks of fraud and ballot mishandling by ensuring ballots are cast directly by voters in a monitored environment. It eliminates concerns about the chain of custody associated with mail-in ballots.

Voting in person fosters a stronger sense of democratic participation and restores the communal tradition of Election Day, encouraging citizens to connect with their communities.

Many voters distrust mail-in systems. In-person voting provides transparency, reassuring voters that their ballots are securely handled and counted. It also ensures timely results, avoiding delays caused by late-arriving ballots or signature verification issues.

While prioritizing in-person voting, SB210 could include accommodations for military personnel, overseas voters, and individuals with disabilities to ensure equitable access.

SB210 offers Oregon an opportunity to strengthen election security, promote civic responsibility, and restore trust in the electoral process. Supporters urge lawmakers to pass this bill as a step toward a transparent and trustworthy voting system.