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SB210

I strongly support mail in voting for the following reasons:

1. It is more convenient. You get to fill out your ballot in your own home at a time that works for you.
2. It is more convenient. You can mail or drop-box your ballot and skip the polling place lines.
3. Everyone gets a ballot.
4. Because of #1, # 2, #3 above, voter participation is likely to be higher, especially if inclement weather, lack of childcare, illness, confusion as to where to cast in-person ballots, can't get time off work or other issues are present.
5. Mail in voting has been proven to be safe. Documented instances of abuse, coercion, or fraud barely register as a percentage.
6. Cost savings. It has been shown in many jurisdictions that mail in voting is less expensive; money is no longer needed for recruiting, training, and paying workers who maintain polling places on election day, etc.
7. Oregon has a proud history of mail in voting first established for local state elections in 1981 and primary and general elections in 1998.

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