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I support SB 210 for a variety of reasons. This bill would bring the decision back to the people, allowing them to reaffirm or reconsider the changes made since vote-by-mail (VBM) was originally implemented, ensuring current voters have a say in the voting methods used in their state. SB 210 addresses potential errors in the voter registration process, including issues with motor voter registration systems, and recognizes the challenges in maintaining up-to-date voter rolls. By requiring in-person voting and voter ID, it could potentially reduce instances of ballots being sent to individuals who have moved or passed away, thereby improving the accuracy of voter rolls. While Oregon has been a pioneer in vote-by-mail, SB 210 seeks to strike a balance between voting convenience and election security, still retaining mail-in voting as an option. In-person voting on Election Day can foster a sense of community and civic duty, providing an opportunity for citizens to come together and participate in the democratic process collectively.

Additionally, by requiring in-person voting, SB 210 aims to reduce the potential for ballot harvesting, a practice some view as susceptible to fraud or manipulation. The bill aligns with recent federal initiatives calling for enhanced identity verification requirements in voting processes. In-person voting may encourage voters to be more proactive in staying informed about election dates and deadlines, potentially increasing overall civic awareness and engagement. Finally, with in-person voting, the vote-counting process can begin immediately after polls close, potentially leading to faster election results and reducing the period of uncertainty that can sometimes occur with mail-in ballots. These factors combined make SB 210 a significant step towards enhancing the security and efficiency of our voting system.