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This measure would make it much harder to vote, and wouldn't increase security at all, so I strongly oppose it. When you can only vote in person, voting costs money (for transportation), and takes extra time (to go to a polling place and wait in line). When you can only vote on a single day, voting can conflict with other responsibilities, such as your job, child care, or even illness. If you're too sick to safely leave your home on election day, you should still be able to vote! And you wouldn't know if you'll be sick far enough in advance to request a mail-in ballot if mail-in ballots are opt-in. Everyone voting by mail over an extended period of time avoids all of these issues.

Under the current system, we also have ample time to review all of the candidates and their positions, which can be very time-consuming in Multnomah County where we have ranked-choice elections with a large number of candidates. Being able to work through my ballot slowly is very convenient and increases my confidence that I'm not making mistakes with my votes.