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I support passage of SB 210

Senate Bill 210 proposes a significant shift in Oregon's election process by transitioning from the current vote-by-mail system to in-person voting on Election Day. This bill aims to enhance election integrity, ensure voter accountability, and restore public confidence in the electoral process.

Key Benefits of SB 210

Enhanced Election Security

By requiring in-person voting and government-issued photo identification, SB 210 addresses concerns about potential voter fraud and inaccuracies in voter registration. This measure ensures that only eligible voters participate in elections, reducing the risk of ballots being cast by ineligible individuals.

Increased Transparency

In-person voting allows for greater oversight and transparency in the electoral process. Polling places provide a controlled environment where election officials can monitor and verify the voting process, ensuring that every vote is accurately counted.

Restoration of Public Trust

The bill responds to growing concerns about the integrity of mail-in voting systems. By implementing in-person voting, SB 210 seeks to rebuild public trust in the electoral process, fostering confidence in the outcomes of elections.

Flexibility for Special Circumstances

SB 210 recognizes the needs of specific groups, such as military personnel, overseas voters, and individuals unable to travel to polling places. These groups will still have access to mail-in voting, ensuring inclusivity while maintaining the integrity of the overall system.

Conclusion

Senate Bill 210 represents a proactive step toward strengthening Oregon's electoral process. By prioritizing security, transparency, and public trust, this legislation ensures that every vote is cast and counted with the utmost integrity. Supporting SB 210 is a commitment to upholding the democratic principles that form the foundation of our state and nation. I firmly support SB 210.