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This offers a practical solution to enhance election security and public trust. With incidents like the 2024 arson attacks on drop boxes in Portland and Vancouver—where hundreds of ballots were damaged or destroyed—cameras could serve as a deterrent to vandalism and tampering. They provide real-time monitoring and recorded evidence, ensuring that any suspicious activity can be quickly identified and addressed by authorities. This added layer of oversight aligns with the need to protect the democratic process, especially in a vote-by-mail state like Oregon, where drop boxes are a critical access point for voters. Public confidence in elections, shaken by physical threats and misinformation, could be bolstered by transparent surveillance, showing that the system is safeguarded without infringing on voter privacy—since cameras focus on the boxes, not the ballots themselves. Supporting this measure prioritizes accountability and safety, reinforcing Oregon’s commitment to secure, accessible voting.