Oregon Election Process

**Pre-Election Activities**
- **Voters Registered**
  - Voter registration database is protected by firewall and security updates.
  - Database access is restricted to authorized users.
  - Users receive security training and follow strict security protocol.
  - Database backups and contingency plans are in place.
  - The National Guard and DHS help assess and identify potential threats to the voter registration system.

**Election Activities**
- **Security Plan Filed**
  - Requires each county to file a county elections security plan with the Secretary of State.
  - Requires each county clerk to annually update and file the security plan with the Secretary of State.

**Post-Election Activities**
- **Security Plan Audited**
  - Audits conducted annually to verify that the security plan is followed.
- **Ballots Cast**
  - Ballots must be cast in a secure and tamper-resistant manner.
  - Ballots must be securely stored with extensive chain-of-custody records.
- **Results Certified**
  - Results are certified by the Secretary of State and are verified by the State Board of Election.

**Election Day Safeguards**
- **Voting, Tallying, & Reporting Systems**
  - County-specific security protocols in formalized policy.
  - Pre-election evaluation of security systems.
  - Results are official until certified.

**Post-Election Safeguards**
- **Security Plan Audited**
  - Audits conducted annually to verify that the security plan is followed.
- **Results Certifiers**
  - Results are certified by the Secretary of State and are verified by the State Board of Election.

**Voters Cast Ballots**
- **Elections are conducted exclusively by mail.**
- Registered voters receive a ballot by mail.
- Ballots may be mailed by a vote tally system or by a counting board.
- Electronic and physical security measures ensure voting system integrity on Election Day.

**Election Results Tabled**
- **Results are unavailable until the vote totals are certified.**
- Mandatory audits are performed on a random selection of precincts after the election and before certifying the election results.

**Election Day Security Guidelines**
- Oregon Revised Statutes 254.074 requires each county clerk to annually file a county elections security plan with the Secretary of State.
- Oregon Revised Statutes 254.335 requires each county to conduct a public test of each vote tally machine for logic and accuracy to ensure that it tally correctly.

**2018 Election Initiatives**

**State Election Data**
- **Active Voters:** 2,706,777 (as of August 2018)
- **Optical Voting System:** Vote by mail
- **Website:** orregovotes.gov

**2018 Activities and Timeline Checklist**
- **Initiative 1:** Provide cybersecurity training for county election officials. (Target Completion: January 15)
- **Initiative 2:** Receive all 36 county election security plans. (Target Completion: January 31)
- **Initiative 3:** Participate in DHS Tabletop the Vote 2018 National Election Cyber Exercises. (Target Completion: August 15)
- **Initiative 4:** Schedule Cyber Hygiene Scanning. Contact ncciccustomerservice@hq.dhs.gov and reference “Oregon Cyber Hygiene Initiative” to obtain this service free through DHS. (Target Completion: August 15)
- **Initiative 5:** Register for the Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC) at learn.cisecurity.org/ei-isac-registration. (Target Completion: October 15)
- **Initiative 6:** Overseer county logic and accuracy testing of vote tally machines. (Target Completion: October 22)
- **Initiative 7:** Oversee county post-election manual audits of ballots. (Target Completion: December 6)