

To: Senate Committee on Veterans, EM, Fed/World Affairs

From: Aileen Kaye

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Re: "No" to SB 1548 Abolishes Daylight Saving Time

Dear Chair Manning, Vice Chair Thatcher, and members of the Committee,

I cannot tell you how infuriating it is to have to take time to provide testimony on a bill that should not be heard during the short session. The short sessions were supposed to simply allocate money on an emergency basis and clean up mistakes in wording made by Legislative Counsel.

This is too huge of a change to decide upon in the short session as abolishing DST affects **every person in Oregon**. Even more infuriating is that Oregon already passed permanent DST in 2019. I came down to testify on that bill and worked hard to help it pass. It would be law by now if the House of Representatives would have passed it when it came over from the Senate. Oregon's Senator Wyden was key in passing the Sunshine Act in the Senate. Unfortunately, Nancy Pelosi didn't feel the urgency even though her own state one year before passed a ballot measure saying California wanted permanent DST.

If Oregon passes this law and the state of Washington does not, people who commute and shop between Portland and Vancouver will be faced with enormous inconvenience. Same with California and the whole U.S.

I love DST! I love the longer days to ride my horses, drive in the evening if I was away from home a long distance, take evening walks, stay out on the river longer, etc. Living in the valley where it rains most of the winter, I cherish every minute of daylight in the spring and summer.

The change of clocks twice a year is no big deal! In fact, I love having that "extra hour" when we set our clocks back in the Fall.

I beg you to not waste any more time and tax dollars hearing this bill. Please do not pass SB 1548 out of committee.