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Between May 25 and July 8 of this year, sunrise will happen before 5:30a.m. - that means if we shifted to year-round Standard Time, we'd be seeing the sun before 4:30.

In these more Northern latitudes, we have workforces which thrive in the Summer based on longer days and good weather. Oregon has a vast "Summer Economy" that is dependent on long days and evenings of sunlight. Many small outdoor businesses, often owned, operated and staffed by people of color - notably in the landscape industry - rely on a healthy summer of work to get through the winter months. There is a plethora of other, lesser-known small businesses that subsist on the same kind of weighted calendar. Year-round standard time would cost those businesses thousands of dollars because you just can't just shift that later work hour to the impractically early a.m.

I operate one of those kinds of businesses; I am a mobile business owner doing minor paint repair on cars and trucks, mostly outdoors. In 2019, I estimated that I would lose about 10% of my gross income if I lost that hour of late light - an hour that I assuredly cannot make up at 4:30 in the morning.

Oregon's massive Summer calendar and tourism economy is reliant on the late sundown in the Summer months. Losing that extra hour, every day, on the beach or in the festivals in our cities will cost local businesses dearly. Those extra hours of golf, softball and every other outdoor activity won't shift to 4:30a.m.; they will just be gone.

In Oregon we live astride the 45 parallel, and that means no matter how we clock it, we have barely more than 8 and 1/2 hours of daylight in the depth of Winter, making one end of the active day dark no matter what "timeframe" you are in. The balance (and reward) is that we have over 2 Summer months in which we have daylight for longer than 15 hours a day.

So the question really is, does it make more sense to have that hour 14th hour of daylight between 4:30 and 5:30a.m., or between 8 and 9p.m.?

Society began fouling up our circadian rhythms back when we created streetlamps. We are no longer in an agrarian world, so as folks work, play and contribute to the economy of our communities, the clock needs to make sense. Daylight time was created in the U.S. over a century ago to save electricity during WW I. Wasting that

early morning daylight under standard time made little sense back in 1918 and still makes no sense today - especially at a latitude that enjoys the long days of Summer.

Year-round Standard Time is a waste of time... and a waste of energy, and will lay waste to a lot of wallets.

Please vote NO on SB 1548

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