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On Behalf Of:  
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I am opposed to SB 1548 which would remove daylight savings from Oregon.

It is fairly obvious that the majority of Oregon would prefer to be on Daylight Savings time permanently. This however has some issues. These issues mainly center around grade school children going to school in the pitch black and the danger cars pose to them crossing streets. Other issues center around economic impacts by having a different time schedule for people who live in OR and work in WA or vice versa.

Having our twice annual switch between the standard time and daylight savings time meets both the desires of Oregonians to have more daylight during waking hours in the summer and accounting for the late sunrise in the winter.

In recent years there has been an element that has arisen that believe it is too much of a bother to switch the clocks forward or backwards because of the disruption. I ask do these people never travel to a different time zone? Other complaints I have heard centered around getting kids to bed in the summer when it's still light out. I think Sen Thatcher expressed this issue herself. I wonder if she's thought about kids waking up early in the summer when the sun rises at 4:21 in the morning in Beaverton by being on standard time all year round. Yes, check it out, right now sunrise in June in Beaverton occurs as early as 5:21 AM. This means the sun will be up at 4:21 AM in the middle of June and it will start getting light out at about 2:53 AM with civil twilight (the time when you can do stuff outside without any additional light) will be at 3:44 AM!

I think when the group of people who don't like changing their clocks push to remove the change, they are thinking about the change itself and being shortsighted and ignoring the unintended consequences.

Personally, I love the change to daylight savings time and the fact it heralds the arrival of spring and the end of the long dark winter. In the fall when we change back to standard time it signals to the body that it's getting cold and it is time to hunker down.

Thank you for your time,

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