February 21, 2024

Oregon State Senate
Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Rules

Re: Senate Bill 1548

I am writing to *strongly* oppose Senate Bill 1548, eliminating Daylight Saving Time (DST) in Oregon and imposing year-round standard time. As the table below shows, it would result in major losses in annual evening light that do not outweigh any benefit it would bring.

I urge you to look at the negative impact that year-round standard time would have on people's ability to do outdoor recreation and activities during the best time of year. The solution to eliminating problems associated with time changes is to adopt permanent DST, *not* standard time. Advocate for what was already passed back in 2019, permanent DST. Until Congress decides to take urgent action, we are stuck with the negative effects of twice-yearly time changes. Do not sacrifice the light and opportunities of spring, summer and fall as a means to alleviate the temporary discomfort of springing forward.

Sincerely,

Brian Austin

Sample: 01/01/2024 to 12/31/2024 DST/Standard mix vs. Year-Round Standard Time losses

	CURRENT STANDARD AND DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME (MARCH 10, 2024 TO NOVEMBER 3, 2024)	PROPOSED YEAR-ROUND STANDARD TIME	LOSS IN EVENING DAYLIGHT
SUNSETS AT 9:00 PM OR LATER	6/12/24 to 7/8/24	n/a	
	27 days	0 days	-26 days lost
	7% annually	0% annually	100% loss
SUNSETS AT 8:00 PM OR LATER	4/17/24 to 08/25/24	6/12/24 to 7/8/24	
	131 days	27 days	-104 days lost
	36% annually	7% annually	80% loss
SUNSETS AT 7:00 PM OR LATER	3/10/24 to 9/25/24	4/17 to 8/25/24	
	200 days	131 days	-69 days lost
	55% annually	36% annually	35% loss
SUNSETS AT 6:00 PM OR LATER	3/3/24 to 10/29/24	3/3/24 to 9/25/24	
	241 days	207 days	-34 days lost
	66% annually	56% annually	14% loss
SUNSETS AT 5:00 PM OR LATER	1/21/24 to 11/2/24	1/21/24 to 10/29/24	
	287 days	283 days	-38 days lost
	78% annually	68% annually	13% loss
SUNSETS *BEFORE* 5:00 PM	11/3/24 to 1/20/25	10/30/24 to 1/20/25	
	79 days	83 days	-4 days lost
	21% annually	22% annually	5% loss