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I am personally extremely opposed to remaining on PST. The evidence that DST causes heart attacks is so flimsy and lack credibility. What we do have hard evidence of is that DST saves lives by way of fatal auto accident reduction, fewer fatal pedestrian/car interactions, and a decrease in violent crime.

More Oregonians find the extra hour of light at the end of the day leads to more productivity. More people get use of the extra hour at the end of the day as opposed to the beginning of the day.

Businesses see a bump in foot traffic when DST in in effect.

Oregonians voted for permanent DST not PST. If put to a state vote, permanent PST would not pass.

If Oregon is the lone wolf of the west coast stuck on PST, it will cause interstate turmoil. This is not "quirky at best, annoying at worst" This is absolutely shooting ourselves in the foot and a huge unforced error. This will affect interstate workers lives, truck drivers lives, air travel, and will make WFH miserable trying to deal with a now four hour time difference between east and west coast. This makes Oregon less competitive and less desirable.

These problems are just the tip of the iceberg. There will be many unintended consequences if SB 1548. One unintended consequence will be the legislators who supported this will lose a lot of support come election time. This is a decision that will directly affect every Oregonian's life. We should have a say if this passes, not elected officials, but the people themselves need to vote on something this life altering.

So, in summary, SB 1548 is bad for business, dangerous for drivers and pedestrians, bad for interstate workers, makes the cities in Oregon less safe, and makes Oregonians less productive.

Who is this even for?