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I am writing to oppose this bill for two seemingly-petty reasons, but reasons that will undoubtedly have an impact on Oregonians' lives. First, doing away with Daylight Savings will create sunrises that are far too early. I, for one, am not interested in having the sun rise before 5am. I would assume that most folks are not even awake between 4 and 5 to benefit from sunlight- and I'm right, if you want to be technical, Edison Research found that only 8% of people are awake by 5am. Steve Calandrillo said it best: "The entire point of DST is to push daylight into the portion of the day when the vast majority of the public is awake." Secondly, there's a certain level of confusion that will come with eliminating DST in one state while the majority of others still participate. Sure, having the clocks change twice a year is an annoyance, but forgoing the clock changes in favor of having to wonder if the time difference between Oregon and Massachusetts is 3 hours or 4 hours this month is more of an annoyance. I (and many other Oregonians who work with, speak to, or are related to people outside of the state) would have to become hyper-aware of whether it's currently DST or standard time, and that really defeats the purpose of "making it easier." Ultimately, just no. I'm really not trying to have my dog wake me up at 4:20 in the morning because the sun is up, or get yelled at by my mom because I missed our scheduled phone call- would you like to explain to her that I do, in fact, love her I just forgot that it's actually a 3 hour difference this month, not 4? No? I have to? Sigh.