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I SUPPORT this bill for the following reasons:

*While there may be some who like "daylight saving time", NO ONE likes changing all their clocks twice a year. In fact, I know people who don't even bother, arguing it's easier to just live with their clocks being "wrong" half the time.

*Deep down, we all know that moving the hands on a clock has no effect on when the sun rises and sets. Nor can it magically provide more daylight. During "daylight saving time", we are simply starting our days an hour earlier. This does not require a clock change. If businesses/schools/etc want to get started earlier in the summer, nothing is stopping them. Has anyone heard of winter/summer or seasonal hours?

*So, ditching the switch is an obvious no-brainer, leaving only the question of which "zone" to go with. Good old "Pacific Time" makes the most sense, and here's why. Keeping PST and PDT straight when building schedules has always been a pain, subject to confusion and mistakes. Assuming the feds would ever even allow it, going with PDT year round would do little to help with that.

*The globe's time zones were established in a well thought out manner. Altering them to satisfy our whims was never a good idea.

One more thing... Please don't worry about what everyone else is doing. This is the right thing to do. OREGON SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD! Others will follow, if not this time, surely soon after.