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Position on Bills at 2025 Session of Oregon Legislature:

SB 566 : Oppose



The Oregon Progressive Party opposes SB 566, which would abolish Daylight Savings Time (DST) but only in the Pacific Time Zone part of Oregon, if within the next 10 years California and Washington also abolish DST. That means during more than half of every year, eastern Oregon (now in Mountain Time with continued adjustment for DST), will be 2 hours later than the rest of Oregon. Thus, Ontario and Vale will be 2 hours ahead of nearby Baker and Burns.

If the semi-annual time changes are to be avoided, seems better to adopt permanent DST.

Steve P. Calandrillo and Dustin E. Buehler, *Time Well Spent: An Economic Analysis of Daylight Saving Time Legislation*, 43 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 45 (2008), write:

Studies show that year-round daylight saving time has several significant advantages, including a decrease in motor vehicle and pedestrian fatalities, energy savings from reduced peak electricity demands, and a potential decrease in crime.

The article collects and analyzes modern research on daylight saving time, concluding that year-round daylight saving time would save hundreds of lives annually by decreasing motor vehicle and pedestrian fatalities. Furthermore, extra light in the evening hours reduces criminal activity and results in energy savings from decreased peak electricity demand. Finally, year-round daylight saving time would eliminate the negative effects caused by the current spring and fall time changes. These advantages significantly outweigh the potential costs of daylight saving during winter months.

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