

To: Sen. Committee on Veterans, EM, Fed and World Affairs
From: Aileen Kaye
Date: 3-4-25
Re: "No" on SB 566

Dear Chair Manning, Vice Chair Thatcher, and members of the Committee:

I am hoping you vote 'No" on SB 566 which would end Oregon's ability to be on Daylight Saving Time. I need DST so I can attend meetings at night knowing my drive home will be in the light, hike later, play and attend sports later, etc. We in Oregon have so much darkness during the Standard Time part of the year, we crave all the daylight we can get in the spring, summer, and fall.

This is the third session I have had to take the time to beg you to not take away DST. It is stressful and time consuming. Please make this the last time you will try this.

Washington just rejected Standard time last session. In 2018, California voters passed Prop. 7 directing the legislature to put permanent DST into law. They didn't get around to it! Grrrr. The US Senate passed the Sunshine Protection Act in 2022, but Pelosi did not get it on the House agenda in time to pass it there.

I want us to be on permanent DST or I want things left as they are. I do not at all mind the twice a year 1 hour change. I am almost 80 years old and have never been negatively impacted by the time change. In fact, I love gaining the extra hour in the Fall. Very fun.

Some say the children will have to get on the bus for school in the dark. RFK, Jr. recently said schools should start later.

We all need more exercise and DST gets us out and about during the months we have it. I beg you to not take it away.

(Note: Please stop listening to the suspicious out-of-state lobby group, "Save Standard Time". If I had the time and money, I would investigate them.)

Most recently in 2025: Another bi-partisan effort by the US Senate for permanent DST:

U.S. Senators Patty Murray (D-Wash.) and Rick Scott (R-Fla.) reintroduced the Sunshine Protection Act on **Jan. 8, 2025**, bringing back the proposal to end the time changes. **Permanent Daylight Saving Time would become the standard across the country.**

The legislation is supported by the following senators:

- Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.)

- Rand Paul (R-Kan.)
- Ron Wyden (D-Ore.)
- Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.)
- Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.)
- Ed Markey (D-Mass.)
- Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.)
- James Lankford (R-Okla.)
- Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.)
- Alex Padilla (D-Calif.)
- Brian Schatz (D-Hawai'i)
- Tina Smith (D-Minn.)
- Katie Britt (R-Ala.)

“Every year, more Americans grow more frustrated setting their clocks back and forth, and every winter folks in Washington state despair at the prospect of losing an hour of precious sunlight when we are forced off Daylight Saving Time,” Senator Murray stated in a press release. “This is about public health, it is about our economy, and it’s about just putting a little more light in families’ lives so they can spend time together, outdoors, in the sunshine.”

Murray referenced the strong bipartisan support across the country for permanent Daylight Saving Time, and said she’ll work with anyone she can to update the federal law.

Thank you for your consideration of my view on this issue.