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I want to submit my strong opposition to locking our time to the Standard Time and not Daylight Savings Time. Oregon already voted previously (and passed) a measure to keep us on DST year round which is preferable in innumerable ways. We are already on DST for 8 months out of the year, so switching to Standard would be a much bigger disruption. But that's the smallest of issues. We all know we live in a beautiful State with a large outdoor activity community. robbing everyone during the months we are most active outdoors of an hour of daylight is a terrible idea!

I know not everyone is in favor of staying on DST, but I have yet to meet anyone who wants to be stuck on Standard, and I interact with many people daily. This is the wrong decision for the majority of all residents of Oregon (and the west coast at large). If it was put to a vote by the public it would lose. There is no scenario where locking us into Standard Time improves the lives of the most people.

Please, Please don't pursue this course. Stay with DST year round, or stay with the system we have. don't choose the worse possible option.