

Below are comments to consider for tomorrow's hearing regarding the proposed Daylight Saving time bill. Please share these comments with the Senate Rules Committee as a real testimony from both a business and personal standpoint of why we need Daylight Saving time.

I run a small business in the Corvallis area and we eagerly await the arrival of Daylight Saving time every spring. It immediately extends outdoor activities in the evening that we all enjoy. I have two small children and we recently purchased an outdoor trampoline. This week because of the time change I actually have daylight to spend quality time bouncing with them after work. As a manager we do not see much in the way of lost productivity for employees the Monday following the time change and life goes on. In fact, we notice happier employees during daylight saving time and the change to Standard time in the Fall is an easy transition. We sell our products all across the country and the world. We already have a narrower window with our east coast customers every day due to the 3 hr time zone difference. Do we really want a 4 hr time difference half the year under the proposed legislation?

Also, I worked for Daimler Trucks North America in Portland for nearly 9 years in the Engineering department and there was never a concern with "spring forward", only anticipation. In all of my years I have never heard any complaints about Daylight Saving time.

Think about how disjointed summertime travel would be if Oregonians were on their own time relative to surrounding states. People travelling through Oregon would be confused, especially with a time change moving north or south across borders such as California. Also, the Ontario area is on Mountain Time. That means a disjoint in time literally in a matter of feet across the Snake river in Idaho.

One other issue to consider is when the sun rises. In the summertime on Daylight Saving time it rises at 5:30am in June. Do we really want the sun rising an hour earlier at 4:30am? I would think light that early would affect people's sleep cycles.

Please consider the ramifications of moving away from Daylight Saving time here in Oregon and the problems it may cause. The vast majority love the long summer evenings plus we are aligned with surrounding states and federal time standards. It simply does not make sense to change that.

Best regards,

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