

Please submit this communication as testimony for SB99 and SB690, which will put Oregon on standard time year-round.

As an Oregon constituent, I support these Bills. Although the United States of America has a penchant for doing things our own way (e.g. not using the metric system; not mandating paid time off for employees; being one of only four countries in the world that does not provide paid parental leave), the rest of the world is moving towards abolishing Daylight Savings Time. I would like Oregon to be at the forefront of this movement in the United States, joining Arizona and Hawaii as the only other States that stay on Standard Time year-round. Although North America and Europe comprise almost the complete list of holdouts for continuing with DST, the remainder of the world is blissfully free of this yearly annoyance to their populace that has disputed health and economic benefits.

These Bills make the will of Oregonians the final arbiter of whether we observe DST in the future. A referendum on the matter is a great idea, so I am glad it is part of the language of this Bill.

Sincerely,

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