

Dear Senator Thatcher and Senator Boquist,

Senator Thatcher, thank you for letting me know about the two bills pending to end Oregon's observance of daylight savings time. I attempted to send this e-mail to Erin Seiler the committee administrator, but it wouldn't work for me so I am asking you to forward this e-mail to her.

I object to both SB99 and SB690 and hope they are not passed.

I am one of many who "LIVE" for Daylight Savings Time. I hate long periods of darkness and I can hardly wait for Spring and Summer to get here.

I think these bills will make it more difficult for businesses trying to do business with other neighboring States, all of whom have Daylight Savings Time.

Spring and Summer is when I contribute more to the Oregon economy. I spend a lot of money eating out in the evenings, enjoying the long and warm evenings. I go shopping in the evenings because I feel safe having lots of daylight. I feel safer driving my car when there is daylight.

I spoke to several elderly people in my 55+ community and we all agree. We love Daylight Savings Time. We have "Wine in the Garden" activities on Friday nights because of the long evenings.

I spoke to my brother who is a Farmer in Klamath Falls and owns a heating and air conditioning business. He definitely like Daylight Savings time and so do his workers. They want to get home in the daylight, so they can get work done around their homes. As a farmer, he likes being able to feed the animals and get extra work done in the extra light of the evenings.

Today, I awoke at 7 am DST just to check to see what the light was like in case DST might negatively affect school children. Seeing that most children catch a bus at 7 am or after, I noticed that there is plenty of light for them and it is only going to get better until Fall.

I beg of you, do not change the system we are currently on BUT if you must, change it so that we have Daylight Savings Time year around. Thanks for your consideration.

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