

Dear Sir or Ma'am,

I read with deep, and profoundly sad, interest that everyone who has been called to testify in relation to SB1548 has been in favor of the measure.

What good is testimony if it only supports the position of the bill?

What service to the democratic process is afforded in this type of one-sided behavior?

What service to the people you represent is provided when hearings are basically "dog and pony shows" where conflicting opinions are not welcome?

It is my belief that "ditching the switch" is a good idea. But the switch should be to permanent savings time, for a wide range of reasons.

I continually read comments in news stories from various Oregon media outlets quoting an Arizonan who stands behind Arizona ditching the switch. And having spent some time in Arizona I can understand that action.

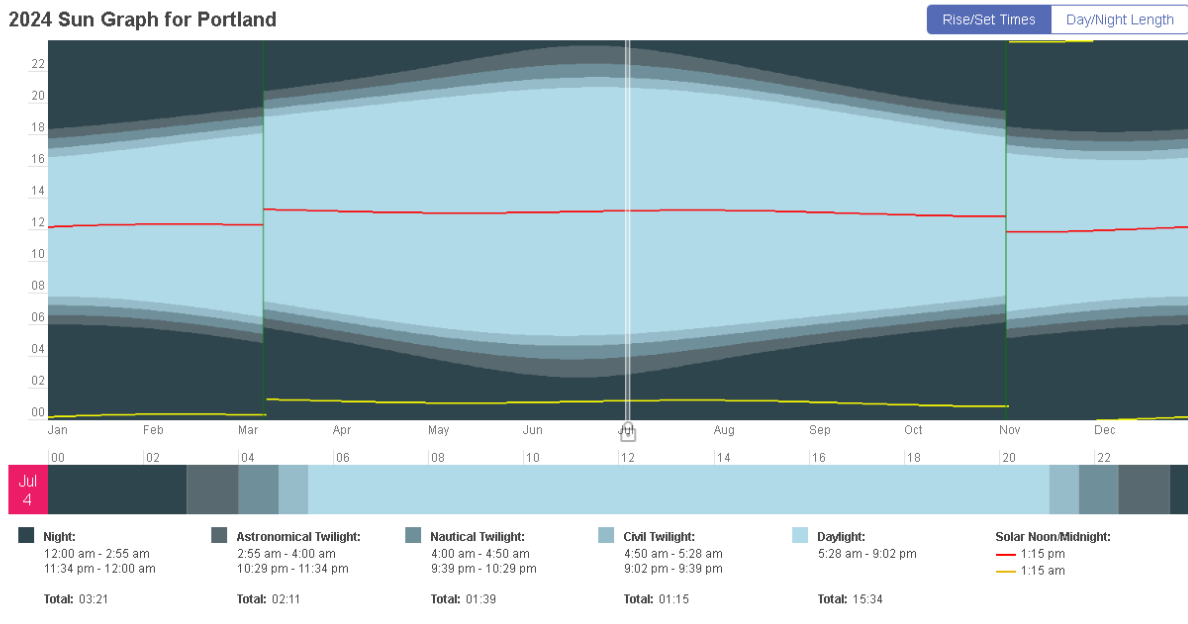
It works for that state and serves the people there quite well. It also keeps Arizona on either Mountain or Pacific time depending on where the rest of the country is with regard to where they are standing when they look at the day.

This means at worst Arizona is three hours behind the east coast and is sometimes only two hours behind. For Oregon that shift would be three hours for part of the year and four hours for about 75% of the year. What impact will this have on business?

The other thing to consider is the wider range of daylight hours, especially at the northern end of our state.

Looking at the length of day, for say July 4th, using data from <https://www.timeanddate.com/sun/usa/portland-or>, we see this information:

2024 Sun Graph for Portland



With the current shift in clocks the morning light starts to build about 4AM, which isn't entirely unreasonable, and full daylight is at 5:30AM. For morning folks and morning businesses this is still a very good condition. By not shifting the clocks the morning light would start to build at 3AM, and full daylight would come in about 4:30AM. Ask any parent with small children how well that's going to go over for their day. How much negative impact will this have on families? We saw an increase in familial problems during the pandemic, I fully expect we will see at least some increase in these types of problems with full time Standard Time.

Looking at the other end of the spectrum, it will start getting dark about 8PM, with it basically being fully dark by 9:30PM. How much of a negative impact will this have on businesses that depend on people out for the evening? How much impact will it have on evening sports events?

Many will cite the impact on the circadian rhythms of people. That impact is overcome within one to two weeks of the time shift as the body adapts to the new point of view for the day. Staying on Standard Time or staying on Daylight Time will make no difference in the long run.

My personal stance, and not that I am in support of open defiance of the federal government, is that Oregon should declare ourselves a "Time Sanctuary State" and implement, on our own, permanent Daylight Time. This is what was pushed up for action by Congress, who through their inaction on a simple bill have shown they don't really care.

Honestly, I think there is a rush to do something. For reasons I don't understand that seems to be a rush in the wrong direction just to "stop the switch."

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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