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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal  
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Measure: SB1548

Re: SB 1458

I am opposed to the SB 1458 because there are significant impacts of going it alone. While much ado is made about the effect of twice a year clock changes, the continuous problems raised with being out of sync with the rest of the US may be much worse as they will affect daily life for 8 months of the year.

The critical problem is that from March through October, we will be 4 hours behind the East Coast and at least 1 hour behind all states with Daylight Savings Time (DST). This will have significant impact in several areas:

#### General Confusion

- Because we are the only state with this change we will have to remember whether other states are on Standard Time or DST so that we know what the difference is. Currently this is not a problem, because we all change clocks at the same time. For example, Colorado is 1 hour ahead of us for the entire year, while under SB1458 it will be 1 hour ahead of us for 4 months and 2 hours ahead of us for 8 months. This also applies to people from other states. Your directive “don’t call me before 7am” automatically translates into “don’t call me before 6am” in March for someone living in a DST state.

#### Business

- Financial Sector: Many individuals working in the financial sector must be at work before the markets open at 9:30 ET. Assuming that the worker needs to awaken 2 hours before market opening (1-1.5 hours for breakfast, dressing and travel and .5-1 hour for pre-market opening work), this means that currently this worker must set their alarm for 4:30 a.m. Under SB 1458 they would have to get up at 3:30 a.m. for 8 months of the year.

- Employees of East Coast Companies: Assuming the same hours at both sites, employees of East Coast Companies currently have lost 3 hours of communication time because of the time difference. Again under SB 1458, they would lose an additional hour.

- Employers with East Coast employees: Like “Employees of East Coast Companies” there is a loss of 4 hours of communication time meaning for the employer if they require off-hour communication, they will have to deal with a 4 hour time difference rather than a three hour.

- East Coast Customer Service Centers: Many customer service centers close at 7

ET. Now will have to remember to call before 3 pm rather than 4 pm.

## Travel

- Time Zone Change: Travel east will add 1 hour clock time to travel to any other time zone during DST. So minimum time zone change is 2 hours. For those worried about twice a year changes under DST, we add 1 hour of jet lag to travelers from other states.
- Tourist: We are a tourist state. Tourist travel is confusing enough without adding to the equation. "Wait Oregon is an hour behind California and Washington?". Let's make sure we don't screw up one of our major sources of revenue.
- Athletic travel: For teams traveling from Oregon to any other DST state there will be an extra hour time difference.
- UofO Athletics: With University of Oregon now part of the Big 10, away sports events will have a 3 to 4 hour time difference (1 hour for UW, UCLA or USC.) for contests from March through October.

## Entertainment

- TV: We will now be 4 hours behind major broad casts for 8 months of the year. I know SNL at 7:30pm is cool, but do we really want this?
- Sports events on Media: These will start an hour earlier unless they are in Oregon. "So Charger game is at 1pm PDT, is that noon or 2 in Oregon?"
- Confusion: "So game time is 7pm ET. Are they on DST and its at 3 or is it at 4?" For those who don't understand this, the Eugene Register-Guard and I assume Salem Statesman only give sports times in ET.

## Summary

When you look at the effect of SB1458 from a national perspective, it is much more complicated than just not resetting clocks twice a year. It has a profound effect on us relative to our interaction with other parts of the United States. Please be very cautious before you take this step.