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Measure: SB1548

I supported the change to permanent DST in the past and stand in support of SB 1548 today. Please end this biannual nightmare of shifting time that has been plaguing our circadian rhythm for far too long.

I am not here to restate all the facts, we already know the clock shift is responsible for a greater number of heart attacks, for an increase in traffic accidents, for workplace incidents, or for missing the bus on the way to school. The results vary in severity but impact every Oregonian. These were all arguments for enacting permanent DST and should not be forgotten when tackling SB 1548.

Congress, unfortunately, has decided NOT to play game; by the looks of it they will not be changing their tune anytime soon. We should not let this hurdle hold us hostage to the effects above; we have a way to solve this that does not require their blessing.

There is valid concern regarding a created time difference when our Pacific Coast sister states skip that hour hand forward; to this I say let Oregon be the pioneer state it has been through history. Let us make the change and drag the others through. Our computers know that when scheduling a meeting what time to put on the calendar, our phones know the time of our arrival time on a planned route. We have the chance to stop the bleeding with mitigated interstate affects while putting pressure on our sisters to, in this case, not move forward.

Please pass SB 1548. Thank you,