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I am opposed to OR-1548 and strongly believe it is the wrong move for northern states such as Oregon and Washington.

One of my main concerns about using standard time year round in the Pacific Northwest is how early the sunrises and sunsets will be in the summer months. For example, Pendleton will have a sunrise at 4:05am on June 21 and a sunset of 7:48pm. In Portland, the sunrise will be at 4:22am on June 21 with birds likely beginning to chirp around 3:30am. Very few people will be able to enjoy the light this early in the morning. Instead, people will need to buy blackout shades so that they can sleep through these needlessly early sunrises. Daylight will be lost because people will be sleeping in the morning when the sun rises but awake after the sun has its earlier sunset. After living through a PNW winter and spring, we deserve to be able to keep our sunshine and daylight. It will be even worse for Spokane should Washington pass their bill. Spokane will have a sunrise of 3:51am on June 21 and a sunset of 7:51pm. Sadly for them, 7:51pm will be their latest sunset of the whole year. People love traveling and recreating in Central and Eastern Washington but people may choose to vacation in areas with normal sunrises and sunsets. I think passing this bill will negatively impact tourism in our area.

I also think of the city of Portland and how it has struggled so much in the past few years. That has to be on Oregon legislator's minds. To make Portland have sunsets an hour earlier seems so unfair to its struggling businesses. For people who like to spend time in Portland during daylight hours, this bill would be taking away an hour each night for 238 nights. It seems like a financial cost that Portland and other communities shouldn't have to pay right now.

I also think of all of the children who need to be outside exercising and getting off their screens. I am guessing that no children will be out playing when the sun rises in Portland at 4:22am but I'm guessing many, many children would be outside in the evening hours when we have daylight saving time. Kids riding bikes, shooting hoops, playing at parks, walking their dogs and just hanging out in the summer evenings. But for safety reasons many have to be home when it gets dark. If this bill passes, there will be so many hours of valuable evening daylight taken away when we all need the outdoors more than ever.

Please don't take away our spring/summer/ fall evening sunshine.