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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal
and World Affairs

Measure: SB1548

I am writing to convey my opposition to SB 1548, which would put Oregon on Standard Time year-round. I too would love to stop changing the clocks twice a year. However, being on Standard Time in the summer would result in students and all those working 9-5 type jobs effectively losing 238 hours of precious usable daylight (an hour a day from ~ March 10th through November 3rd) each year. It's the time after work/school, not before, that is truly ours for family time, self-care, hobbies, and enjoying the beautiful Oregon landscape. Standard time year-round would mean fewer and shorter bike rides, trips to the park, after work jaunts to the Gorge, etc., all the things us Oregonians hold so dear and look forward to after our long wet winters. I implore you and your colleagues to oppose SB 1548 and hold out for the federal government to act on making Daylight Savings time permanent.

Professor Calandrillo (Univ. of Washington) was 100% correct when he said: "Again and again, research has shown that sunlight is far more important to Americans' health, efficiency and safety in the early evening than it is in the early morning."

Please, do NOT support this bill.