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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure: SB1548

Members of the Rules Committee,

My name is Peter Bergel. I reside in Salem and have been an Oregonians since 1970.

Over the years I have often complained about switching the time around, which always seemed dumb to me, so I was pleased to see the Legislature decide to put us permanently on Daylight Savings Time last session.

However, this bill puts us on Standard Tme permanently. This is much less desirable because it means that those long, comfortable summer evenings when folks are outdoors having cookouts, playing sports or just playing, or enjoying the cool will no longer be lit. Instead we would have light in the very early morning when few people are out to enjoy it. That does not seem like a good plan.

With the -2 amendment, I guess at least we would not be in a different time zone than the rest of the West Coast, so I support that amendment, but I oppose the whole idea as it currently stands.

It would be preferable to amend this bill to change Standard Time to Daylight Saving Time and then work it out with the federal government, along with California and Washington. That way I think almost everyone would be happy. If the Committee is not ready to do that, I ask the Committee NOT send this bill to the Senate floor. We are better off the way we are.