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

I am submitting testimony in opposition to keeping Oregon on Standard time all year.

Arizona has been touted as a state we could emulate. There are some differences as follows:

Sunrise/Sunset June 21, 2024 Standard Time:

Phoenix 5:19 a.m. – 7:41 p.m.

Salem 4:26 a.m. – 8:07 p.m.

Sunrise/Sunset December 21, 2024 Standard Time:

Phoenix 7:29 a.m. – 5:25 p.m.

Salem 7:47 a.m. – 4:34 p.m.

Annual days of full or partial sunshine:

Phoenix 300

Salem 157

We cannot fix the climate of Oregon or stop the earth from tilting on its axis. What makes sense for Arizona does not make sense for Oregon. Arizona appears to stay on Standard Time to keep all of their usable daylight during the hours most residents are awake. Should Oregon stay on Standard Time all year it would deprive Oregonians of one hour each day of usable daylight, which is about 240 hours every year.

Keeping Daylight Saving Time does not preclude early risers from waking up at sunrise. I think most early risers, however, would agree that awakening at 4:30 a.m. in the summer if their workday starts at 8:00 a.m. would not add any appreciable benefit to their lives. Most of us start to get ready for work shortly after we wake up. There are very few of us who have the ability to participate in recreation at 4:30 a.m. We are still expected to be at work on time.

It is clear from reading through testimony submitted about this bill that this is a no-win issue with Oregonians. I urge you to vote no on SB 1548 in any form. I would prefer DST all year, but our current system of switching twice a year is a better alternative than remaining on Standard Time.