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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB1548

Dear Senators and Representatives

My name is Chuan. I have given my oral testimony today in brief. This is my written testimony with a little bit more details to oppose SB1548 (permanent standard time).

First of all, thank you for including an amendment that Oregon will be in sync with Washington and California. The amendment indeed reduced the negative impact of the bill. However, I still oppose the bill in its current form, because I believe the cons still outweighs the pros.

I have two reasons that I oppose the bill.

1. I heard there were a couple of medical experts that supported the bill, by saying people sleep better with standard time. It is generally true in fall and winter. It is also roughly true all year round, if we are in Arizona or Hawaii. However, from my experience, I found it exactly the opposite in spring and summer in Oregon that has a much higher latitude. I already found it difficult to stay asleep in early morning in spring and summer. The sunrise time is about 5:20am on 6/21 with daylight saving. If we adopt permanent standard time, the sunrise time will be about 4:20am on 6/21. I would just wake up and couldn't stay asleep at 4:20am on 6/21, if we adopt permanent standard time.

2. Industry, particularly the semiconductor industry, is crucial in employment, exports and contribution for Oregon. Employees need frequent collaboration with their coworkers in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Massachusetts, Western Europe, India and East Asia. With the exception of East Asia, having one hour further behind makes the collaboration even less convenient. For example, I can schedule a convenient meeting with coworkers in Massachusetts between 9am and 12pm as of today. I couldn't do 8am meeting, because I need to send my kid to school, which opens at 8:30am. Under permanent standard time, my option suddenly drops to only between 9am and 11am between mid-March and early-November. This is because my coworkers in Massachusetts also need to pick up their kids at 3:30pm Eastern time. For another example, in order to have a meeting with my Italian coworkers, I typically set 9am meeting, which is 6pm in Italy, which is already late for them. If we adopt permanent standard time, I would have to push the meeting to 7pm in Italy between April and October.

Oregon is already an underdog in growth as compared to some other states in

semiconductor industry. Permanent standard time will make it even harder to compete.

You might still proceed to support permanent standard time nevertheless. In such case, can we make some compromises?

For example, can we move one hour ahead in schedule for school districts during the Spring quarter (April to June), in case we do permanent standard time? If we adopt permanent standard time, the sunrise time on 4/1 would be 5:50am, and there is plenty of light in the morning even if we move one hour ahead in schedule.

Thank you.

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