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Senator Thatcher to Work with Other States to Stay on Daylight Saving Year Round

SALEM, Ore. - Today, Senator Kim Thatcher (R-Keizer) announced she will be working across state lines with other state legislators to stay on Daylight Saving Time.

"I think most people would prefer to stay on daylight saving time throughout the remaining four months of the year that we are not. My office has been in contact with legislators in Washington and California and we are enthusiastic about people not having to change their clocks again."

Senator Thatcher introduced SB 99 in 2015 to end the unnecessary time change. Since then, other states including [Washington](#), [California](#), [Montana](#), [Idaho](#), [Nevada](#), [Wyoming](#), [Colorado](#), [New Mexico](#), and [Utah](#) have all introduced legislation similar to Thatcher's.

"I am reaching out to the other legislators in these states to try and build a coalition around this issue" said Thatcher.

In the coming weeks, Senator Thatcher plans on having a conference call in coordination with as many of these legislators as possible.

Washington State Sen. Jim Honeyford's (R-Sunnyside) office was happy to work with Senator Thatcher on this issue and released the following:

"Daylight Savings Time has proven to be more trouble than it's worth. Most of the supposed benefits have turned out to be apocryphal or downright false, while the harms are all too real. Studies have shown that the practice has led to an increased number of accidents, as well as a higher rate of suicides. There are also health problems generally within the week of switching times back and forth."

If the state legislatures agree to end the time change, they will then petition the Federal government for a change.

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