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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

NAME: Brenda Ahlberg
REPRESENTING: Self
BILL # or SUBJECT: SB 26
COMMITTEE: HSTA **DATE:** 05-05-2026

Honorable Alaska State Senators and House of Representatives:

I strongly support codifying into law SB 26 and HB 229 to end Daylight Saving Time in Alaska. As a first responder, the importance of clearly established functions within a set timeframe is critical to operational response planning, known as Incident Action Plan (IAP), particularly when an IAP is meeting objectives that encompasses day (12 hr) and night (12 hr) operations. As cited in one of many examples: "time changes, specifically the spring transition to Daylight Saving Time (DST), have a documented impact on incident action planning due to increased fatigue, safety risks, and operational confusion." While the fall back change offers an extra hour, the "spring forward" change results in lost sleep, requiring adjustments to operational periods and safety briefings (link below).

In closing, eliminating any chance for miscommunications due to time changes during an emergency is critical to life safety of response personnel as well as to the public. I respectfully urge you to support SB 26 and HB 229 and help end Daylight Saving Time in Alaska. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Ahlberg

Stuart Relay

From: Kai Ivey <kai.ivey96@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 1:00 PM
To: Rep. Ashley Carrick; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Rep. Steve St. Clair; House State Affairs
Subject: SB 26

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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House State Affairs Committee,

I love your bill SB 26 and even love some of the changes that the House state affairs committee came up with.

I do have a couple of concerns regarding some of the changes that I feel could be better addressed. I am also wondering if a 3rd section could maybe be added to the bill.

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From: Patty Bouton <blaze99712@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2026 3:54 PM
To: House State Affairs
Cc: Rep. Justin Ruffridge; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Bill Elam
Subject: SUPPORT Eliminating Daylight Savings SB 26

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House Members:

I support SB 26, doing away with changing the clocks every 6months. With 24/7 technology, it makes no sense here in Alaska to change our clocks. Animals, once accustomed to a regular feeding schedule complain loudly when the feeding time changes. They are not as accommodating as I am.

Thank you for eliminating Daylight Savings.

Patricia Bouton, Soldotna, AK

*Apologies to anyone that receiving this email twice. I sent to the wrong address.