

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB102 AND IN OPPOSITION TO SB26

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I support SB102 and oppose SB26 as written. While both of these bills relate to observance of Daylight-Saving Time (DST) in Alaska, each proposing to end the twice yearly changing of clocks, only SB 102 immediately terminates the use of DST in Alaska as allowed by current federal law. However, SB26 would only end observance of DST contingent on a change of Time Zones which no state can do without federal authority to do so. This caveat requiring federal action prior to ending DST in Alaska might well be considered a “poison pill” inserted into SB26 to insure its effective demise.

Why observe DST in the “The Land of the Midnight Sun”? What is the compelling reason to subject every Alaskan to personal inconvenience and “state sponsored “jet lag” twice each year?

Please consider the following:

1. If position of the Sun is to relate to local time with the Sun highest at noon, nothing has changed since that observance required Alaska to contain multiple time zones west of the Pacific Time Zone including the Yukon Time Zone, Alaska Time Zone, Bering Time Zone and Aleutian Time Zone.
2. We have long since passed the era of land lines and telephone receptionists available only during “business hours” outside Alaska. Since the advent of the internet personal and commercial transactions can be conducted from Alaska at any time of the day and on any day of the week.
3. Alaska does indeed have a relationship to those in time zones East of Alaska. However, we also have commercial relationships with nations of the Pacific Rim where DST is not observed. Moving closer to the lower 48 simultaneously moves Alaska away from other time zones.
4. Outdoor and indoor lighting is not dependent on humans using light switches because photoelectric cells respond to ambient light and motion detectors can activate lighting by detecting motion.
5. Safety is impacted during periods of lower ambient light including during morning hours. When you delay the time of sunset by use of DST you also delay the time of sunrise the next day.

In conclusion, If the legislature is going to again delay the end of DST in Alaska by demanding the contingency mandated in SB26 (the poison pill), then please amend this legislation to allow an advisory vote by the voters of Alaska to decide which option they prefer; end DST now or wait indefinitely for the federal government to act. Please support SB102 as written and end the use of DST in “The Land of the Midnight Sun” immediately. Thank you.