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State and Local Government Committee. Thank you for allowing my testimony on this matter in opposition to BH1259.

I am writing to express my concern about HB 1259. This bill eliminates day light savings time. As an owner of a golf course, this would cause us to lose daylight for playing golf. As it is now the sun will rise at 5:49 am on June 21, 2025, in Bismarck, ND and if we eliminate daylight savings time, the sun will rise at 4:49 am on that same day. This means it will also set an hour earlier. Essentially, unless players are willing to play at 4:49 am, we will lose two hours of daylight play time. This would apply to every golf course in the state.

This would also apply to every type of outdoor recreation the state has to offer. Hiking, boating, fishing, hunting, etc. I imagine this could be bad for the economy and tourism. If we don't change the clocks ahead in the spring, we will lose an hour of working daylight all summer long. We have such a short season for outdoor recreation, why would we want to eliminate any of it?

On behalf of all golfers in North Dakota, I ask that you please vote NO on this bill.

Sincerely,

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