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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill. This bill is problematic in that it will continue to allow houseless Oregonians (and those sent to Oregon from other states) to camp in public spaces that block ADA necessary sidewalks, pathways, and ramps. Additionally, it puts individuals at risk for civil liability and retaliation if they ask houseless individuals to move out of these designated areas, either in accordance with their own lawful rights under the ADA or on behalf of others. This is not a move in the right direction for Oregon.