

I am an Oregon resident and social worker writing in response to proposed House Bill 2959, which would criminalize public elimination of human waste and punish this act by maximum of 30 days' imprisonment, \$1,250 fine, or both. This is a gross violation of human rights.

Criminalizing this behavior will not stop people from having to use the bathroom. The way to avoid public elimination of waste is to create more public restrooms and more housing. No one wants to urinate or excrete waste on the sidewalk. Our citizens, our neighbors, deserve bathrooms.

People in a position of eliminating outdoors will not be able to pay such high fines, and the state will waste valuable resources trying to collect them. It is imperative to channel these resources into avoiding outdoor elimination of waste, not punishing it.



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