

HB 2367 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Oregon Right to Rest Act. Declares that a person experiencing homelessness has certain rights. Creates an affirmative defense to a person experiencing homelessness to a civil or criminal charge related to use of public spaces when a person was exercising the rights outlined in the measure. States that it is an unlawful practice for any person to deny, refuse or restrict the rights listed with a person experiencing homelessness. Allows a complaint alleging unlawful practice to be filed by an aggrieved person with the Bureau of Labor and Industry (BOLI). Allows the court to award compensatory damages or \$1,000 per violation, whichever is greater; and a civil penalty of \$1,000.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND: