

Everything that is outlined in HB2367 is basic human decency. There is no reason that people experiencing houselessness should be treated any differently than anyone else, simply because they have limited resources and rely more heavily on public spaces. For many people experiencing houselessness, it is the safest option, if not the only option available to them, and they need their basic rights protected. They should not be subjected to sweeps (that often result in confiscation and destruction of their personal belongings, often those which they rely on to survive) and harassment simply for existing in a public space. Houseless people get treated by law enforcement like they are the problem, when in reality, these people are suffering from the shortcomings of a system that does not provide adequate access to housing and health care, and are worthy of access and support. Sweeps are a waste of public resources, a gateway to unnecessarily escalated confrontation by law enforcement, and a threat to human life. If we truly care about community health, then we must support everyone who is a part of the community, and HB2367 is a good start.

Thank you,  
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