

I am a small business owner and an educator and I am in support of HB 2367. The criminalization of homelessness harms our entire community: public funds are drained by security and "clean-up" initiatives that ultimately work to further entrench our most vulnerable into poverty. These funds would be much better spent on services and providing innovative solutions so that all members of our communities can have basic human rights such as water and shelter. HB 2367 would ensure that all Oregonians have the right to exist in public space without the threat of harassment, citation, or arrest. Oregon is in desperate need of HB 2367. For the sake of unhoused Oregon families and the over 21,000 K-12 Oregon students who experienced homelessness between 2015-16 (as reported by the Oregon Department of Education) please vote in favor of HB 2367.