

We have experienced several natural disasters over the past year and are still recovering from many of them. The COVID-19 pandemic, the recent wildfires, and the even more recent ice storms have left many people in our state with limited options for housing. The increased prevalence of our state's homelessness crisis requires our elected leaders to take action to offer more opportunities for people to live in habitable spaces. If the actual dwellings and properties are otherwise uninhabitable due to wildfire damages, and those damages are not likely to be repaired anytime soon, then people who are able to occupy those now damaged spaces by parking their RV on the property should be allowed to do so. If the property is just sitting there and cannot be used the way it was originally intended, people who have a way to utilize it should be allowed to. I therefore urge all the members of the committee including my representative in the House Brian Clem, chair of the committee, to support this bill.