

I am so happy to see this Bill. I was homeless through no fault of my own for many years--a displaced renter and I fought the city's camping law which is written in such a vague and overbroad manner that is city-wide exclusionary violation "get out of town" policy". I have resided and employed in Lane County since 1988. I refused to be run out of town for any reason. I took 8 camping citations to court and very often refused to move because this law is maliciously applied such that the only way to avoid violating it is to remove one's self from the city--it is a piece of garbage vagrancy code which is said to be facially neutral but it is in reality chock full of discrimination within. When told to move over and over again 24 hours is a "bum's rush" and I am not that at all. I have a clean record, was a military veteran, and there have never been any sanitation issues at my camps--both tents and vehicles. No action against me has ever stopped me from my goals to re-establish renter status which I did. Over the years Eugene wasted an embarrassingly amount of money to no avail--many thousands of dollars. I have always felt that 72 hours was the very least amount of time to be given and i feel that this 24 is intended to cause other campers great stress and to prevent those who might wish to have time or given any incentives to clean up their own messes provided that waste removal assistance must be offered they cannot haul garbage to the landfill themselves. The garbage a red herring has been used in media repeatedly to develop public anger and complaints so that to justify police sweeps. Many such changes like this Bill are badly needed and I strongly support this legislation and thank you for recognizing the need.