

Hello,

My name is Leigh and as a resident of Eugene, I support this bill. I work closely with people experiencing homelessness in our community and not giving people adequate knowledge and time before sweeping them is terrible. When there are little to no appropriate places for folks to camp, giving them more time if given notice can help them try to find another place if possible. It also gives people time to gather their belongings and homes so that they do not lose all that they have. Increasing time before sweeping also allows community support the time to gather and help folks if they need help moving or with services or gathering what they may need. It is also important for folks to have their belongings stored appropriately if they cannot find another site to set up camp. It is important that storage time be longer so that if folks were not there they have time to retrieve their belongings. This bill does not stop sweeps and for that it falls extremely short but it is an improvement from only 24 hours notice and only storing folks' belongings for 30 days. Again, as a Eugene resident, I support this bill and I hope that you all will too.

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