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I support this bill and believe that it could expand beyond just the Salem area.. Helping people that are unhoused starts with the property and then the next step is the structures. (Physical and program structures) Our group has designed "a manufactured in Oregon" Micro Shelter but you have to have a safe and stable place to land them. I believe that this bill has an 18 month timeline and I believe that it should be moved to 24 months with a site by site potential renewal to another 24 months. When a site has been allocated, it take 2-3 month to get the infrastructure set. (Fences, power, site HQ etc.) That site works will shorten the timeline for the time objective. Once a site has been allocated it also takes time to stand down the place, also eating into the overall time. If Salem is the only city that this program is set for, there will be a huge migration from other cities into Salem and it could overrun the good effort here. Other cities could help spread out the effort to help our state. The collaboration of State and City is a great tool to help this problem.

Thank you for addressing this issue.

Be well all,

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