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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I oppose the right to rest bill because of :

1. Public safety concerns: allowing homeless individuals to sleep in public spaces could create safety risks for both the individuals themselves and the general public. unsanitary conditions, drug use, and criminal activity associated with homeless encampments could pose a threat to public health and safety.
2. Economic impact: it could have negative economic consequences for local businesses and property values. homeless encampments could discourage tourism and hurt the local economy, leading to decreased property values and increased costs for local governments.
3. Enforcement challenges: it would be difficult to enforce and could create confusion about what constitutes public space. the bill could lead to an increase in legal disputes over public space usage and could strain law enforcement resources.
4. Dependency issues: a culture of dependency on public resources and discourage homeless individuals from seeking long-term solutions to their housing needs. allowing individuals to sleep in public spaces could discourage them from seeking employment or permanent housing options.

Thanks, Kaitlin yotsuuye