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This law will do nothing to protect the homeless, AND the currently housed who are constantly being harassed, threatened, and assaulted from the homeless.

This is not even a bandaid solution. It's superfluous and will not accomplish anything. The homeless already have free-reign. Seriously, WHAT is the goal for this legislation?? emboldening the homeless? condoning their violence?

It is not right for them to turn public property into "private property". This is also extremely ableist when those with mobility needs are unable to use sidewalks.

Wasteful legislation. FOCUS your efforts instead on increasing spending on mental health care (like increasing the state hospital), DRUG TREATMENT, AFFORDABLE HOUSING and actually holding the homeless accountable for their actions. It is egregious that your "compassion" instead directly harms citizens who are currently fortunately housed.

People avoid Portland because a drug addicted homeless person can snap and assault, or kill, any random innocent person. This law can only make it worse. In relation to a recent trip to Baltimore, it is a gorgeous and safe city compared to Portland.

Given the absurd amount of rent prices in portland, the homeless community will only continue to grow. Have compassion for the people who can barely make ends meet. Where is rent control? where is affordable housing?

This "legislation" is an embarrassing waste of time which the only outcome could be emboldening the homeless and increase the risk of violence against innocent people simply trying to navigate the city.