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This is not the right bill to forge progress. More resources should go to behavioral health and rehabilitation instead of enabling homelessness... this bill is an enabling bill. My family lives a 1/2 mile from Barber court and Southwest 26th Avenue in Portland Oregon. There are 2 underpasses here and for the last 5 years we have had ongoing encampments in this area - it's important to note that this is the only way for our high school students going to Ida B Wells, from our neighborhood, to get to a bus line to school. This is only the only way for our neighbors to also get to trimet to safely ride to our place of work or to commute in an environmentally friendly sound way. There has been constant encampments with trash, urine, feces, drug paraphernalia and so on for us to see over and over day after day. It is hard to explain to our two children under 10 why we cannot walk to the park. There is a visceral sadness that happens every single day when you see these encampments. It is unbelievable how much waste is created..please think what is livable for all Oregonians. Oregon is becoming unlivable due to encampments and safety. Families, skilled workers, businesses are moving out. Please come and walk these sideways there is a total lack in homeowners rights for taxes paid to have clean and safe streets and parks.