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I realize that HB 3501 has little to no chance of passing - thank goodness. However, the sponsors of this bill seem to have no clue as to how devastating this bill would be to the well-being of the residents of the state, the burdens it would impose and the unintended consequences of this frivolous, dangerous and out-of-touch proposition.

As a resident of Portland I've seen all neighborhoods negatively impacted by homeless campers. The problem grows by leaps and bounds and the only response from elected officials seems to be 'give us more \$\$\$ to deal with it' - whilst producing no progress whatsoever.

Our residential property is threatened by spillover from campers in parks and by the lack of adequate firefighters to control the increasingly numerous fires caused by campers.

This bill basically states that there are no rules to follow, that anything goes, and that any entity requiring observance of the rules of society shall be at risk of financial loss. It's totally unacceptable. If I were a member of the legislature I would censure those who proposed this bill. I hope this is the last we will hear of this absurd and offensive proposal.