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My husband and I have lived in close-in SE Portland for over 24 years and raised our daughter here. Allowing camping on our public sidewalks is clearly not working. We pay high property taxes in this city and climbing over tents on the street is unacceptable. Businesses are leaving our beautiful city because of the trash and filth that has accumulated due to camping on our sidewalks and public spaces. The housed people of this city deserve to use the public spaces we financially contribute to maintaining. There are plenty of empty spaces that can be used as camps for tents, etc. for those who have lost their housing. I have had to hold my breath while walking my dogs when I walk by a person smoking crack or doing drugs on the sidewalk. The camping on the streets is ruining our city already. This bill would do more to push out citizens who deserve to live in a clean safe city. I do believe that we need to provide safe spaces to help those in need, public camping on our streets is not the solution.