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It is the right of every Oregonian to enjoy our beautiful parks and natural spaces.

This bill would take this right away from Oregonians, instead turning them all into de-facto homeless camps. This is theft from the people of Oregon.

It will do nothing to solve the homelessness problem; in fact, it will only make things worse.

This is not acceptable. There is no scientific rationale for this. No reason to believe it will make anyone's lives better. No randomized controlled studies which suggest this is helpful.

Our parks need to be for the people, not for the homeless alone. It is fine for anyone to visit public lands, but it is wrong for us to give them away to private individuals, particularly at the expense of the general public.