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This is a terrible idea. Public spaces are for everyone, not just those who happen to come by and set up a tent first. Also, having parks overrun with campers destroys the purpose of even having parks. The legislature needs to come up with real solutions, like building public housing and dedicated public spaces for camps. This bill literally lists the problems that need addressed: "Many persons in Oregon have experienced homelessness as a result of economic hardship, a shortage of safe and affordable housing, the inability to obtain gainful employment and a disintegrating social safety net system". This bill then continues to do nothing absolutely nothing to address any of those problems. At best this bill will ruin many of the parks and other public spaces around the state and anger a good chunk of the State's population.