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This proposed bill is an egregious attempt at slapping a bandaid on the homelessness issue in the Portland Metro area. Instead of coming up with any effective programs to assist those affected by homelessness, we are proposing a bill to allow them to freely continue harassing people and encroaching the territory of taxpayers homes and businesses. Representatives from some of the most affluent areas of the metro are proposing this bill as a virtue signal to make voters think they care about the issue of homelessness, but in the process show that they don't wish to do anything productive to solve the problems plaguing these individuals. Instead of creating designated camps where resources are available and people are not able to use drugs in public spaces, this bill proposes we allow homeless individuals to sue when they are told to move their camps, and to allow them to continue to openly use drugs in public spaces with absolutely no recourse. This bill will only perpetuate the issues we're already facing as a community. For those of us taxpayers who are barely scraping by it's extremely frustrating to see a bill proposing that our hard work to maintain what we have will come second to preserving homeless people's right to camp in our neighborhoods, break into our cars, and generally make our communities unsafe. This bill is a disgrace to liberal policy in our state, and shows just how out of touch those proposing it really are.