

**I oppose this legislation.**

One must consider all peoples rights when you try to expand some people rights.

**No public space should be taken up by tent or any other temporary structure to prevent others from being able to use and enjoy our public spaces.** This is a shared public space; nobody has the right to claim a part of it as their own beyond a short term usage, such as a couple hours.

**No individual should have the right to alter the way a public space looks** except the city or state which manages that public space. You can't set up an archery range nor a badminton net and leave it in a public space nor should you be able to set up a tent structure beyond your short term, couple of hours, usage. If you leave something personal in a public space, you have no right to require or demand it to be there when you return at a later date.

**Nobody has the right to privacy in a public space.** How can you in this day and age?

**Almost all parks have rules about operating hours** and nobody is allowed to be there at night, for a good reason.

**When people live in public parks, it takes away other people ability to use and enjoy it.** Trash, drug use, mentally unstable people which are common issues among the homeless, prevent others from being able to use and enjoy our parks. Everyone has the right to come and go but nobody has the right to stay and intimidate others thus preventing others from being able to enjoy it.

The homeless need a place to live, so the state/city should set aside land where tents are allowed and the homeless can live for free. The only state obligation is to provide portable potties. What other services we provide, drug treatment, mental health services, transitional housing, should be up to the tax payers and non-profits to decide.

Homelessness is not good for the homeless. Humans need showers, stoves to make safe edible food, bathrooms, a shelter from extreme heat and cold, a place to lock up their belongings, a medicine cabinet and safety from others. Letting people sleep anywhere in tents is not safe for anyone.

Portland already tried the social experiment of allowing the homeless to sleep anywhere. The results are in and they are not good. People are leaving Portland, businesses are rapidly leaving Portland, it's time to prioritize the needs of those that contribute and pay taxes and to work together to find better solutions, while being careful to not enable this behavior which is neither good for society nor the individual.