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I was employed for 4 years as a crime analyst for an Oregon sheriff's office. Part of my duties included mapping crime trends. One of the trends I reported on was the increase in property related crimes within one mile of homeless encampments. This is not rocket science. Backyard items, chairs tables, small barbeques, bicycles, tools were commonly stolen. I was told by deputies that some of the stolen items are sold or bartered for other items needed or sold drugs/alcohol. Many of these one-mile zones fell within that one-mile radius of public parks, green spaces, etc.

HB3501 will only increase these trends.