

This proposed bill is absurd. It achieves nothing in the pursuit of mitigating the issues of houselessness in our State and only further perpetuates the problem by not legitimately working towards solutions. It also further alienates property owners that pay taxes to support to the development and ongoing maintenance of public parks and spaces. It's a gaslit effort by a politician incapable of pursuing legislative policy for the greater good and welfare of all of their constituents in an attempt to protect the "rights" of one demographic by penalizing the rights of another. Our houseless problem is a complex web intertwined with social, medical, criminal and psychological issues that this proposed bill achieves nothing for the welfare of both the housed and the unhoused. Our state government's resources would be better spent on effectively implementing the support conduits promised to the voters through Measure 110. The social problems and implications of our rapidly growing houseless population is due in part to our state's policies that have genuinely encouraged out of state unhoused people to migrate to our state, at the support and cost of neighboring states because of policies like this that merely perpetuate houselessness and enable the unhoused to continue to expand. In our point-in-time counts of the houseless, how often has our government along with the NGO's that support the unhoused actually determined how many have relocated to Oregon from neighboring states, via transportation and relocation that has been funded by the government of these neighboring states? While their policies are obtuse and do nothing short of perpetuating the problem, when will our state acknowledge that we have enabled this behavior? I would prefer if our tax dollars went towards implementing systems to serve the social needs, coupled with criminal enforcement rather than enabling to perpetuate the unhoused. How about re-implementing the WPA or CCC? Not all of the unhoused are apathetic criminals, and no one aspires to be houseless. I'm confident with the right support mechanisms to enable their independence, self-reliance and sobriety (as applicable, not all are drug addicts) many of our fellow citizens within the unhoused community would relish in such opportunities, rather than merely allowing them to camp in public spaces and further desecrate the spaces Oregon has worked for so many years, funded by the taxpayers, to create and preserve.