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I strenuously oppose this bill. It makes Portland neighborhoods less safe. As a long time resident of Portland, and a bicycle commuter, I am acutely aware of the issues of allowing tent camping on sidewalks or public spaces. Several times I've been alarmed by mentally unstable individuals on the streets/ in the campsites. I've encountered human feces in front of my house, actually in front of my steps to be more specific. If I had exited my home using these steps, I would have stepped in it. I live on a street where many children/ teenagers walk to school. If they had to walk in the street due to side walk camping, that would be a safety hazard. Just having to write this feels so asinine. This bill is ridiculous and will make many home owners think about selling and moving out of Portland.