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Portland has been decimated by the homeless crisis. The solution cannot be for people to camp on city streets, sidewalks, in front of schools etc. While that may be a solution for one or two nights, the lack of services, running water and restroom facilities make it an untenable long-term solution.

There is no compassion in thinking you're helping the homeless by passing this measure. If Republicans had come with the solution to the homeless problem by saying, "Let's give them tents and have them find a spot" - the Democrats and homeless advocates would howl.

This is not a short term or long term solution.