

Opposition to HB 3501

I am opposed to HB 3501. I believe that public spaces are for all of the public. This bill prioritizes a population. This does not promote equity. Oregon Land Use laws have us creating more density in our cities. As people live in densely populated spaces they depend on public spaces to both recreate and decompress. Giving the unhoused priority to use public spaces as a private refuge defeats the purpose of a public space.

I am a Democrat but am opposed to the direction Oregon is taking with both measure 110 and a homeless policy that encourages the unhoused to move to OR. Until there is compassionate accountability we will not solve this crisis.

Please do not support this bill.

Sincerely,

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