

Submitter: Ryan Farncomb

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

Dear Committee Members, I am writing to oppose this bill. As a resident of North Portland, homelessness is obviously a crisis in our community. This is a humanitarian crisis, one that needs urgent actions to address. I feel for the plight of unhoused people, but I do not believe this bill will improve the situation for anybody. Ceding the public realm to those who are unhoused is terrible policy. This bill does nothing to actually address the issue of houselessness. I want our state government to find solutions for housing people temporarily and permanently, and camping in public spaces is not a solution of any kind. I appreciate the good intentions of this bill, but believe it will ultimately not help houselessness and further stoke divisions in our community about the issue. Thank you for your consideration.