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I moved back to Oregon two years ago and was appalled to see so many homeless camps up and down the Bear Creek Greenway and all along the I-5 corridor. These people are defecating, urinating and literally damaging the environment. How can anyone state that this is okay? I oppose HB 3501 because it doesn't hold people accountable, instead it enables them to be homeless, and for more to become homeless. Since when do we promote and encourage people to be homeless? This is not okay! I promote assisting the homeless to better themselves and to be a productive part of society and if they refuse the help, then give them a one way ticket out of Oregon, or better yet incarcerate them. Just don't continue to give them a reason to remain here, keep harassing them and they will eventually move on. It infuriates me not to be able to enjoy and utilize the Bear Creek Greenway because I don't feel safe in doing so. We taxpayers are supporting this greenway and can't even use it, how does that make sense to anyone! I do not want hard working taxpayers' money to be doled out to the homeless. I am sick and tired of seeing the filth and trash and feeling in fear.