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I am writing in support of this bill. We have one of the highest rates of homelessness in the country, especially of families with children and youth. Bend has. Even working hard in the last few years to address this fact, and has done as the state requested in adding shelter beds. But now that those shelters are open they need funding to stay open. Otherwise, the additional shelters will close and we will lose what progress we have made. New projects may generate more enthusiasm than operations budgets, but long term stable funding is key to getting our neighbors into long term stable housing.