

I strongly support the implementation of HB 2367 to end sweeps of houseless camps in Portland. I work with a needle exchange that regularly helps to provide services to homeless folks, and have watched multiple times as they struggle to survive after the effects of a sweep. They lose valuable things like blankets, private possessions, things needed for medical care, and much more. Not only does it rob them of material goods needed for survival, but it also causes homeless folks to always be looking over their shoulder and be worried about where they will spend the next night. The answer to houselessness is not policing but the community, and providing access to resources. Pass HB 2367!