

To the Oregon House Committee On Judiciary:

I would like to voice my support for the passage of HB 2367, as the right to rest is a basic human right for all people, and it is imperative that that right is protected. This act protects individuals' right to rest, move freely, and be protected in public spaces without discrimination. With more and more people in Oregon experiencing poverty and finding themselves houseless, our focus needs to be on expanding affordable housing in the urban areas instead of punishing houseless people. Criminalizing lack of housing only narrows peoples' opportunities to escape houselessness and creates more barriers to finding stability.

HB 2367 would protect those suffering from the difficulties of houselessness, and would undoubtedly save many lives and allow our communities to thrive. I greatly hope that you will support it.