

I support the passage of HB 2367, as it protects individuals' right to move freely, rest, sleep, pray and be protected in public space without discrimination. The right to rest is a basic human and civil right for all people and should not be considered a crime. Criminalizing people who are experiencing homelessness is not an effective solution to the complications that arise when people in our communities do not have a place to eat, rest or sleep.

I am a public school teacher and support Right to Rest for numerous issues. Not only do we need to stop violating people's human rights as we struggle with a systemic housing crisis, but we need to end the insanity of criminalizing its victims. It does nothing to address the issues and actually makes it much more difficult for both the individuals and our society to address the root causes. We waste millions policing, legally processing and incarcerating people instead of investing in actually affordable housing and public services.

HB 2367 would safeguard the dignity of those who already suffer from the burden of homelessness. I implore you to support this critical and life-saving legislation.