

Thank you for your attention concerning this important human and civil rights issue. How we treat our most vulnerable not only tests our ethics as a society but also reveals the strengths and weaknesses of our laws and public policies. It is surely a weakness to put our law enforcement in the position of chasing people around who are not criminal but too poor to sleep inside. Effectively criminalizing the survival of people too poor to afford the housing in our state is a feckless use of scarce public resources. Give our policy makers and agencies the tools they need to curb the cruel appetite of the few who seek to punish the poor. Release law enforcement from the wasteful and arbitrary punishment of people in need who have no other alternative but to sleep and live outside in public. Many thanks in advance for supporting HB 2367.

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