

As a member of the Oregon Poor People's Campaign which has been actively supporting and advocating for the swelling numbers of unhoused people in Oregon, I urge the Oregon legislature to immediately pass HB 2367, the Right to Rest bill, to provide a bare minimum of protection for the thousands trying to survive on our streets. HB 2367 directly states that people have the right to exist in public space and participate in social and economic life without facing constant threats from discriminatory policing. That means all people, including those immorally excluded from adequate housing by our economic, housing, human service, and legal policies. I, along with all of us privileged enough to be housed, cannot imagine the constant deprivation, insecurity, and fear that our unhoused neighbors endure. Their condition should not be tolerated by any state that claims to be part of a just and compassionate society.