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Chair Bynum, Vice Chair Noble, Vice Chair Power, and Members of the House Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Mason and I am a seventeen year old in Multnomah County. I am testifying today to urge you to **support** HB 2367. Please give this bill the attention that it deserves.

The Right to Rest Act is a crucial step in decriminalizing houselessness. When building a society structured on equity and humanity, we have to ensure that everyone is accounted for. Fundamentally, people have the right to sleep and live without the perpetual fear of criminalization. Criminalization perpetuates houselessness and creates more barriers for folks, instead of enabling them to find housing. Instead of penalizing people for conditions out of their control, our valuable attention should be on providing services and getting members of Oregon communities what they need. Criminalization is counterproductive and cruel. Give Oregonians the Right to Rest.

This bill is pressing and deserves your support and to be heard fully. Please **support** HB 2367.