

I submit testimony in support of the Right to Rest Act, HB 2367. Criminalization of homelessness causes further harm to all members of our community. It teaches families and children that not all people are created equal and do not have equal rights. When people are not allowed to rest, their health and dignity are stripped. All people in our community deserve equal rights to health, security, and the ability to exist in public spaces. The Right to Rest Act will improve the physical and mental health of people experiencing homelessness and remove one of the many barriers they face. Having worked in Public Health and addictions treatment, a safe living environment is vital to beginning one's journey in recovery. The Right to Rest Act will improve the living environment for many of our community members.