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Measure: HB3042

I oppose HB3042 and its iterations. The governor's dream (nightmare, really) of providing housing for the homeless is not supported by our Constitution. I think the best way to help provide housing, to those that want it, is to scrap this bill AND her proposal. Simply offer landlords grants to directly offset rents to specific needy sectors of our population.

Set parameters for folks to qualify for support. Offer grants up to 50% of certain thresholds to landlords willing to offer subsidized housing. Frankly, I don't know what typical rents may be these days. I have one rental unit: 1400 sq. ft. 3BD, 1.75 B, and haven't raised the rent in 20 years. And, I've carried that same tenant for the last 22 months with no help from anyone.

(a side note) The Senate has proposed a flat 4% income tax for families making under \$100K. My SS is barely a quarter of that, so I will strongly support it.

(relative to HB 3042 again) My rental unit has been the one thing providing a bit of a cushion in my retirement. I would have to reconsider being a landlord if HB 3042 passes. Please do not pass it. Furthermore, if you do, don't pretend it's an emergency. You know this bill won't go over well and just don't want us to push a referendum. Disingenuous.