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Frankly, I'm speechless after reading the substance of this bill. Giving carte blanche to one class of individuals (the homeless) over all of Oregonian's shared spaces, WITH provisions they could sue anyone who complains or is impacted by their behavior. What are the authors of this bill thinking? Homeless people deserve to be treated with basic dignity. What they do not deserve is blanket exemption from rules that preserve social standards, or that effectively turn "public" spaces into their private domain and proceed to penalize the public for infringement thereof.

I can't imagine the impact of this bill on our shared spaces. The impact has already been great on our public spaces, the inability to use bike paths, the impact on the Johnson Creek corridor (which millions were spent to rehab) and the hollowing out of downtown Portland just to name a few.

The push towards establishing safe rest villages with connected services and outlawing unsanctioned camping is the right solution. Stop your pathological altruism immediately! This measure is a disaster in the making and I give my hearty NO to it.