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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

Oppose this measure.

How to attract the nation's homeless to Oregon, written by the Oregon Legislature.

1. Go to great lengths, expending energy and treasure to make Oregon the home of the homeless.

2. Do very little to lift a finger to make Oregon a state of low homelessness by providing incentives on how to become a self sustaining citizen as our primary focus.

Get the priorities correct. Put all your time and effort into eradicating homelessness. You should be doing exactly the opposite. It means you have given up on people of all types. Our legislature has giving up trying to make the primary focus of effort to eradicate homelessness for all. You gave up on the people's who's communities are overrun with out of state homelessness. Oregon, unlike California, is not a state of high wages and employment. Look at San Francisco. Similar decisions resulted in a 35% office vacancy rate and growing. They are driving away employers by the hords. Stop following a failed approach and put all your efforts into eliminating homelessness from Oregon. People need jobs. They need employers. And employers need a vibrant economy. If you want to help legislators, please find ways to put all your effort behind removing homelessness. This bill isn't it. It will attract more homelessness than you could imagine. You must be honest with the public on the actual outcome of this bill.