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Measure: HB3501

This seems like a poorly thought out bill that means well but will end up harming the community. Not only would this further encourage others to move into the area for the "free services" but it will remove the enjoyment of public spaces from the public, increase the potential for harm, and not do anything to actually help the homeless in the long term. In addition it opens the potential for more lawsuits both from the people this is trying to help by letting them sue for harassment but also additional lawsuits like the ADA vs City of Portland. Our legal and policing systems are already overwhelmed by continuation of failed policies regarding the homeless. Please do not pass this bill.