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I would suggest that this bill is grossly egregious to tax payers in Oregon. This is not a liberal / conservative issue, nor humanitarian. Why should some of Oregon citizens continue to supplement a portion of the population via millions of tax dollars in funding for programs that elicit little, if no outcome. As every other Oregon community we have a population of homeless. Roseburg prides itself on having clean safe parks and water ways but that is no longer the case, instead trash abounds, citizens are harassed, drug paraphernalia is disseminated in areas where children play .Enabling this type of behavior will only promote a continuation of the problem. We all have to abide by rules, regulations and laws and when we allow a select few to ignore these standards, then we all suffer. I was a health care professional for forty years and based on my experience, when I hear "it's a drug problem", it's a mental health problem". They go hand in hand and continuing to write new laws to protect this behavior does not help.

This bill sends a message to all the tax paying citizens that we should stand idly aside and that implementing another new plan to assist the homeless is going improve their quality of life. With disregard for the majority of Oregon's citizens that represent the foundation of this state.