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I have lived in Portland since 1988, and I have never felt the need to comment on a proposed piece of legislation. Until now. This is the worst bill I can imagine for the future of our state, which let's be honest, hinges to a large extent on the future of Portland. This bill would make a bad situation far far worse. I feel like there is some hope for Portland and Oregon's other urban areas if we continue to work hard with the proposed city laws in Portland. If this bill passes, Portland is doomed and many more people will leave. Multnomah county was one of a few, if not the only, county in the country to lose population from July 21 to July 22. This will only get worse if this legislation is passed. And I don't know how Seattle has done this, but the tent sites that are scattered around Greenlake park are neat, tidy, and orderly. The tent sites that infest Portland at this time are horrendous and disgusting. Trash is strewn everywhere. sanitation is a joke, and drug paraphernalia proliferates. this bill must be stopped. It is not just a step in the wrong direction, but a gigantic leap into the whirlpool of doom.