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This bill will essentially privatize public space by those who choose to establish their residence there. We all exist in public space with respect to others that use the same public space. I don't believe that setting up residence on public land should be allowed, which then precludes use by any other individual. There are many resources available to those that are homeless, or have mental health issues, and I think more should be done in regard to providing spaces for people to live and get care. But I don't believe that turning every public space into a private residence for those that choose to camp there, helps the problem of homelessness, and only leads to normalization of the problem. Public spaces are not habitable spaces, they provide no waste or water facilities which will lead to unsanitary and unhealthy conditions in public areas. I don't believe this is a solution to homelessness, and only provides temporary relief without forethought to the long term consequences for the both the homeless community and those who visit public spaces. Please vote no on this bill. Thank you.