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This is the most insane idea this legislature has come up with yet. I have yet to see an area where we have allowed people living in tents, etc on public spaces that have not had to be thoroughly cleaned up after. Even when trash receptacles are available, the piles of trash left behind are ridiculous. Now we want to allow this on any public space? Does that include our state parks? The Capital Mall? Are we charging fees for being able to camp on public lands like I would have to pay if camping? Probably not. Let's just continue to give everything away and let those of us working and paying taxes continue to pay for the clean ups. This bill does not help the homeless problem. It only encourages it by legitimizing the ability to plop down a tent wherever you want. Bad idea.