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This bill granting homeless people the right to set up thier own personal space in a public space does not take the hard working public into consideration. By granting private individuals personal camping space in a public space, like a park, you are encroaching on the valuable resources the working public pays taxes for to provide private space for homeless individuals to call home. The issue is affordable housing, and the state has been unwilling to make that available through inflation, high taxes on housing, high utility and water bills, etc. It's hard to pay rent, and if you are a home owner it's hard to pay all the bills and taxes. Rather then begin to encroach on what few public spaces we have now, why don't you begin to make all of these empty homes and apartments affordable? Regulate investors and thier hoarding of homes for profits which is driving up housing costs for single families. If you allow this bill to pass you will ruin what little space we working people have to take our children and families to. Please take your hands off our public lands and parks and get back to the real issue of why so many people have no place to live, or don't want to live in our society as it now exists. Thank you.