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HB3501 House Committee on Housing and Homelessness

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Although homelessness is a major issue in Oregon, it is a grave mistake to legally sanction camping on public property. There are only negative issues that result from HB3501 which affect the public at large and the homeless: including health, safety, and economic impact on businesses. The current dire situation has produced human waste in the streets and on sidewalks, mounds of garbage around camping sites, increased crime, gun violence and business closures.

Measure HB3501 is not a solution to the homelessness situation, and is not an immediate fix for those experiencing homelessness. A more humane and intelligent solution is to provide sanctioned areas with restrooms, showers and security for the unhoused.

DO NOT allow our public land to be desecrated. It belongs to everyone and should be respected not abused.

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