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I understand that we need to be sympathetic and reasonable with how we work with and respond to our homeless population but these seems like a misstep. We already suffer from a lack of rule enforcement leading to people camping all over the place making things inaccessible, dirty, and causing a perceived lack of safety. We need to focus time and resources with getting people off our streets and into a more humane environment, not making it even more legit for people to occupy public spaces indefinitely. I don't support this. This bill feels like the legislative equivalent of failing to read the room. Please, focus on solutions to the problem and not making the problem slightly easier for those experiencing it. We need to get people into shelter. That's it. Do that....