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As a parent of a young child, it's heart breaking every time I have to pick up needles at the playground in order for my child to be safe. And it's exhausting to always be on the lookout. I support a housing first approach, and this is not it. Sanctioned, supportive campsites connected to resources are a far better idea. You will drive even more people from this state if this is passed. I've believed Oregon can figure out the balance between supporting all of its citizens, but I'm starting to doubt that is true. Especially when more money is poured into resources with no improvement. Portland has become run down and unsafe with over 800 camps throughout. This will only make that problem worse. We are not helping we are enabling.

Get the sanctioned sites and safe park sites up and running first.

- concerned parent who is losing empathy