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I feel the legislature's goal should be to get those individuals living on the street into some type of shelter. While permanent housing is good it cannot be brought online quick enough to meet the current need and so temporary shelter space should be increased and utilized to fill the gap. As someone who has been victimized multiple times by people camping on the street, through break-ins and theft of property of about \$50,000, public camping has been a massive failure, both for the safety and rule of law in Portland and for those unhoused individuals left to die on sidewalks with a tent and a tarp. The anarchy it has created is the chief cause of the crime and lawlessness we see in the city right now. By codifying this situation into law I feel the state is seeking inaction over action and absconding from their responsibility to provide for their citizens both housed and otherwise.