

April 24, 2023

RE: Opposition to bill HB 3501

Testimony: There is no reason to jump to this type of legislation. It is irresponsible to make “public” places, for which non-homeless persons pay taxes to support, into “private” places allowing homeless persons to treat as their own “residency.”

Also, the term “right to rest” does not translate to “right to own.”

Furthermore, the word “public” is defined as community or shared; are we going to re-write the dictionary, too?

Tax paying residents already must traverse through homeless encampments, fear for their safety, and deal with the trash strewn throughout our public areas.

I will not travel to the Portland area, through the Portland area, or anywhere even remotely close to the Portland area to attend a meeting. Please accept this written testimonial as my fervent opposition to this bill.

Sincerely,

Julie Parkins