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I can't believe that this bill is even a thing. Homeless camping is already one of the biggest issues facing Oregon and this shortsighted bill will only encourage it to get worse.

Businesses are already leaving Oregon because of the issue as it is now and decriminalizing it will certainly not make things better! It's time to stop enabling and perpetuating the problem. Focus on solutions to the problem, not codifying the problem into law. People should be in shelters not in tents where they have to start fires in the winter to keep warm.

Billions of dollars have already been spent and the problems have only gotten worse. Stop wasting tax payer dollars on this nonsense and focus on whose pockets the money is going into instead.