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This bill is so obviously unwise it's amazing that it's even up for debate. We already have a massive trash and sanitation problem due to all of camps already existing in public places, and now we're going to encourage more to be set up? Unless you are also planning on providing exponentially more public trash cans and restrooms, as well as staff to clean and maintain these, allowing people to camp wherever they want for as long as they want is not a viable option. This doesn't even take into account the many safety issues that could and have come up. It also does nothing to help provide people with resources besides basic shelter and in fact will often make it harder for them to regularly access any resources that are currently available. If you want to be helping the unhoused you should be working more on things like affordable housing, creating areas for these camps that have all the resources they need closely available, or even just creating more resources that are available to the public to begin with. This bill will not make anyone safer and will only make it harder to help people who need it. Please do not move forward with this.