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I am simply opposed to the decriminalization of public camping. One of the most major things we should be focusing on in Oregon is public safety. This bill backtracks on everything we've been working towards in terms of public safety. The truth of the matter is simply the unpredictability of the unhoused being the most major issue. This bill feels lazy and as if we're giving up. How about making an amendment to 110 criminalizing fentanyl? That would be much more productive and doesn't take a lot of thinking power. It seems as if no one in the Oregon legislature wants to sit down and try to fix an issue genuinely. It's unfair to the unhoused, as they can't get the help they need, and it's unfair to the general public. Instead of making our streets safer and more inviting, we're simply going to make them worse? Instead of properly allocating funding to put programs in place to properly help the unhoused, without it taking months, we simply just say "whatever" and let them camp wherever? You can do so much better than what you're getting at here.

Thank you.