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HB3501 is outrageous, appalling and disgusting, and disappointing. It shows that lawmakers are tone-deaf. This only will make the homeless issue worse in Portland. Statistics and polls show that many people on the street just want to be there and do drugs. This would make the problem worse and more expensive for Portland residents and not safe for families. Do you want needles and people going through your trash in your neighborhood? I live in Portland and I worry about walking around my own neighborhood sometimes, crazy drugged-out people on the street, loose dogs, and theft. It's dangerous. We need to get these people into housing and treatment not allow them to be camping in our neighborhoods. This kind of bill makes me want to move out of Portland, regular tax-paying citizens can get sued by homeless people for camping in their neighborhood?! How insane are you? No one wants a homeless person camping in their neighborhood or by their house. I see the aluminum foil and smell the drugs. Not to mention how environmentally unfriendly and unsanitary it is to have people camping on the street, the burning of trash and drugs does nothing to help our environment and the excrement and urine don't either. Please drive down Powell, or any street in Portland and see that this will only make our problem with homeless camping in public and encampments worse. Please do not let this go any farther.