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It is cruel and inhuman to have people living in tents on our streets and public spaces. Please do not vote for this bill. It is the wrong way to deal with our houseless population who appear to me in desperate need of drug rehab and criminal prosecution for the crimes committed to support their drug habits. Legal tents on our public and private spaces without occupants being subject to real estate taxes is grossly unfair to those homeowners who pay those taxes to support said public spaces. To continue to not prosecute the houseless population for crime is a double standard that cannot continue. The law should apply to everyone evenly. Drug sales and use needs to be illegal and "camping" on our sidewalks, streets and highways should be illegal. There needs to be consequences for these actions just as there would be consequences for my actions should I block my street, sidewalk or park. Please do something that actually helps these individuals become upstanding, productive citizens of this wonderful state instead of enabling that lifestyle and behavior. Something needs to be done soon, but this bill, HB3501 is not the solution.