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This proposed bill is already making Oregon the laughingstock of the Nation. It is absurd. I don't feel safe in certain areas in Bend because we already enable the homeless who are using drugs or mentally ill. I'm all for helping the homeless who want help, but they are becoming a minority in my area. We should be enforcing laws for people who break them as \*\*\*everyone should be treated the same under the law.\*\*\* Instead, we are allowing the homeless to camp more than 14 days in our local forests - something I can't do. We are also allowing the homeless to defecate & urinate in public places - which is a public health problem. We are allowing the homeless to set up camps with drugs being sold & other criminal activity happening - which my neighbors would not legally be allowed to do and the police are not allowed to stop. And now this?

It's not about law abiding citizens wanting to make poverty illegal. It's about law abiding citizens wanting Oregon to enforce the law - equitably, including when the homeless break laws. This is just reverse Trumpism and this too is destroying our democracy.