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I am in support of this bill because all humans deserve basic respect and the ability to exist without harassment. Being homeless is not a crime, it is a failure of the systems we have in place. If life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are values we look to uphold in our legislation then supporting all Oregonians should be the priority. In order for Oregonian's to have access to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness they first need to have access to their basic human rights. The most basic of human rights food, clothing, and shelter. To legislate against someone's right to shelter is to legislate against their human rights. The very least we should be doing is passing legislation that support people's access basic human rights.

At the end of the day, most Oregonians I know don't want people experiencing homelessness to go away or to be punished. They want people to have access to shelter and safety and don't know how to help. This piece of legislation is a step in the right direction towards that goal and will help lessen the burdens of homelessness on the people suffering from it the most. I am tired of seeing my fellow Oregonians suffer, I want to see them supported. I want us to work past the stigmas we have around homelessness and to see people experiencing homelessness for who they are— people. People who are a part of our community and deserve respect.