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I oppose this bill because it does nothing to address the underlying issues of houseless people. This will only further encourage the street camping that is driving people out of Portland and will further embolden unstable individuals who are incapable of seeking help themselves. I implore the city of Portland to address why people end up on the street, and find solutions for getting them off the street. Establish government subsidized housing, expand outreach programs and substance abuse counseling, and do not be afraid to jail unstable individuals posing a threat to themselves and especially others.