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While I appreciate the sentiments that this bill comes from, this sounds like a horrifically bad idea. Austin implemented something like this a couple years ago and it was an unmitigated disaster. We already have so many problems with homelessness that this bill would just compound them.

Furthermore, you're pretty much going to make this state swing farther rightward with this bill if it passes. Even people on the left are starting to get fed up with the lack of good solutions for homelessness coming out of the state legislature.

How about instead, go back to the drawing board and come up with solutions that address housing shortages and high housing prices, plus funding for additional shelters, safe rest sites and mental hospitals, especially in the Eastern part of the state? That would garner much more support than this abomination of a bill.

In conclusion, know that this bill has caused people to start donating to your opponents.