

Submitter: Ryan Bond

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

While I care deeply for the welfare of those impacted by homelessness in our communities, the approach presented by this bill has been seen to have many adverse effects on the wider communities. In Corvallis, our homeless camps have made parts of our city unsafe, unhealthy, and deeply saddening. My six year old son and I can no longer go anywhere near the old Skate Park due to a large homeless encampment, and seeing this extend to our city parks and other open spaces would be a terrible loss for our community.

I strongly oppose this bill, and encourage our elected representatives to put time into researching other options, other case-studies around this issue. We need sensible measures, even if difficult, to ensure safe, healthy communities. This bill is not the way.