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Have we not learned that everything gets worse when you "decriminalize" something? We need these fewer people camping on our streets and using our homes and business as their piggy banks, stealing whatever they want from us to pay for their drugs. Do NOT encourage more of them to come and camp out! And you are setting up a path for them to sue our fine city whenever they want to, and if they win (after thousands of dollars in court fees taxpayers have to pay), you give them money to do more drugs!

I absolutely am against this bill and, if it passes, will not vote for any member of our state legislature that voted for it. This is bad for ALL of Oregon. Our legislature should be making things better for its taxpayers, not better for the people who are just a drain on our resources.

If they want a safe place to rest, then get a job, stay off drugs, and get their accommodation or go back to wherever they came from and rest there. It has been said we are killing our homeless with kindness, and this is just more of the crap we hand out which helps no one. Tough love is the only way to deal with them; they either go to a shelter, any shelter available, no matter where it is, or they go to jail.

I'm done with this pandering to the worst of us.