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This is the most ridiculous proposed legislation I have ever seen! Camping (resting) on or in public places should not be allowed unless specific permission is granted by the authority in charge of that public place. I can see people camping on the library lawn, in the local parks, or maybe in front of the Capital building. It should be the same as camping or resting on private property without permission. I as a tax-paying citizen with a home cannot hang out on someone's property or a public place without expecting to be asked to leave. Why should homeless people have more rights than I? Reports are saying we have 27% more homeless people here in Bend this year than last year. Legislation like HB 3501 will just encourage more homeless people to come to Oregon. It will create more problems and not put people in needed housing. Instead lets streamline building requirements to encourage builders to build affordable housing in a way so that the builders can make a profit.