

Submitter: Concerned TaxPayer

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

There are no mentions of what the funds would be redirected towards and how effective those measures would be, and as such reads as a way to just stop doing anything about people camping where they please. As someone who lives across the street from one of these camps that keeps popping up and having to watch my neighbors with little kids try to avoid people doing drugs in front of their houses, this bill is not in representative of any tax paying citizens I know.

What this will likely do is further shift responsibility from a governing body to individuals and groups who have to deal with these problems on their streets and near their houses. If people do not feel like something is happening to deal with the threat, instead of dealing with campers you will be dealing with vigilantes. Already my neighborhood is banding together to try to deal with this threat, at present that means trying to get the city to help the campers, but people WILL do something themselves if they feel that is the only way to deal with it, and I fear the response from the average person may be way worse than a policy driven response.