

Submitter: Jason Han

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed bill that seeks to decriminalize public camping.

This bill is in the wrong direction.

There is already an ADA compliance violation problem in the streets of Portland and it will most likely contribute to that problem.

This bill also may inadvertently enable the continuation of homelessness instead of addressing its root causes.

By decriminalizing public camping, we may be diverting attention away from the need for affordable housing and drug/mental health treatment.

Thank you.