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I do not support HB3501. Our state universities are public property which means that the homeless would have the right to set up camp on their grounds. Our city parks are being destroyed by people camping in them now, I can't imagine what all city parks would look like across Oregon when this bill passes. No one would be able to enjoy their local parks. If this bill passes I would recommend all cities sell their parks so they would become private property. It would cost taxpayers too much money to keep these areas clean and useable for the public. This bill would also be against the Americans Disabilities Act as people with disabilities would have a difficult time navigating sidewalks with tents pitched on them. ADA reduces barriers in public accommodations and tents, sleeping bags, etc. are a definite barrier for them. This bill doesn't help the homeless and their situation, it just makes it harder for property and business owners to survive.