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This bill is ridiculous. While I am sympathetic to those that are homeless, camping willy nilly is not the answer. The homeless situation is driving property values down and forcing people to choose between staying here in fear for their property or leaving for a state that doesn't enable the problem. We need to have more affordable housing and more mental health treatment programs, not just throw our hands up and tell everyone to just go ahead and camp anywhere, even if there are no toilets nearby, even if your propane fires endanger our forests, even if there's no where for your trash to go, even if children can't play in the parks because you decided to pitch a tent. Stop the enabling!!! I'm happy to have my taxes go to support housing and assistance to get off the street. I am NOT willing to have my neighborhood invaded by squatters.