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While I empathize with the homeless, this bill is not the solution. Our state and city are rapidly declining - companies are leaving, restaurants and small businesses are closing, rampant property crime of all kinds - and the main reason is the crime that comes from drug addiction and mental health issues. While obviously not all homeless are criminals, many of the people who are committing these crimes are homeless. Making it easier to maintain tent encampments on any public land is just flat out insane. It is not good for them, not good for us, nor good for the state. Our city parks would become unusable, our sidewalks are already unusable. These encampments are already causing major fires and danger. This enablement needs to end if Oregon is going to return to growth and stability; this bill is all carrot and no stick. Any bill that makes the status quo worse should be a non-starter.