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I am extremely opposed to bill HB 3501. It represents another example of how our laws and legislation just makes the situation worse. This law should only apply to designated addict camps, not all public lands. 85% of "homelessness" in Oregon is ADDICTION and until that becomes the appropriate, primary focus, the problem will just get worse. Our recent other "decriminalization" bill...legalizing highly addictive, brain destroying, toxic and poisonous hard drugs has obviously made the addiction epidemic worse. Similarly, this bill will make homelessness (driven by epidemic addiction) worse. The "public square" or public lands is perhaps the only thing Government can really do to contribute to everyone's quality of life...and now we are going to destroy that as well. Here is my specific recommendation: 1) Rescind the bill decriminalizing hard drugs immediately; 2) Force our Fed Gov to do its primary function of insuring our sovereignty and enforce our border laws and shut down the flow of these nasty drugs into our Country, State and Towns; 3) Local law enforcement should shut down all open drug activity; 4) Move addicts (aka Homeless) to sobriety encampments and start consistently enforcing camping and squatting laws to start to clean up our deplorable city; 5) Apply this bill only to those sobriety encampments to ensure they are not harassed once relocated to designated facilities or encampments. We have ample tax funding to accomplish all of this. Finally I travel a lot for work...our city does not have to be a dumpster fire where the tiny few destroy the quality of life for the masses. Boise, Salt Lake City, Charleston, Charlotte etc etc have solved this problem, why can't we? Please stop making the problem worse by encouraging and enabling addiction and we can start by killing this really bad legislation. Thank you for listening.