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This legislation promotes homelessness.

Being homeless is dangerous both for the homeless under the elements and for those around due to high prevalence of drug use, untreated mental health issues, generation of filth leading to rodents and infection. Homelessness leads to residents and businesses leaving Oregon.

When we wanted to decrease numbers of uninsured we started Obamacare which gave more affordable options for healthcare and penalized people who chose to not get insured. It prompted making a choice that is better for people in the long run. Let's do the same with housing. Give options for affordable housing and penalize those that choose to not take advantage of an option safer for them and others.