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We strongly oppose this absurd bill. We do agree that something desperately needs to be done about the homelessness problem, but this is not the solution. The concept of this bill appears to have been developed by junior high students... in a rush to get through their homework. It doesn't do anything about the root cause of the problem but simply strips rights from all others in an attempt to give unrestricted rights to the homeless.

It is time for our elected lawmakers to come up with real solutions, including treatment for mental illness and drug and alcohol abuse.

We could support using taxpayer funds to provide trade skill development, employer tax incentives to provide on-the-job training or apprentice programs, extended help with job search, landlord tax incentives to provide low-cost housing, and above all a work program similar to the Civilian Conservation Corps developed to employ people during the great depression.

All this bill (and other similar bills) does is encourage the homeless from all over the country to migrate to Oregon.