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I strongly oppose this Bill that decriminalizes homeless encampments. If this Bill was to pass it will only further support more homelessness and tent encampments to spread across Oregon. As someone who has been born and raised in Portland Oregon my entire life, this is not the type of legislation that I would like to see passed. I have compassion for individuals that are down on their luck and are homeless, but I am not supportive of individuals living in tents on public property. There are many other solutions that currently exist to address homelessness, but passing this legislation is not one of them.

Portland used to be a very pretty city and one of the clearer big cities in the United States. Currently the city and state are going in the wrong direction as it pertains to the filth and trash that is being created from people living in tents and on the streets. This Bill if passed, will cause tax paying citizens to leave the state for other places that enforce law against this type of behavior. I strongly oppose everything this law represents.