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Camping is destructive to those who do it and to the cities where it is done. This bill ignores all reality of what homelessness on the streets is like. The tents I've walked past in Portland you can hear fist blows and screams! And this is way of living is to be encouraged?? This bill is amoral. It needs to be strongly DIScouraged, those camping in tents outdoors need to be escorted to managed facilities designed to serve their needs.

Have those who drafted this considered the simple question "and then what happens?". This bill will mean less enforcement of laws - such as littering - that could be interpreted as harassment of the homeless. Then what happens?? More tents, less clean ups, more trash, more drugs, more crime, more urban flight (from those who can afford to do so!). So who do all these things impact the most? The privileged and wealthy who live or can escape far from it all? No, this hurts the disadvantaged the most - almost like it was crafted perfectly to do so.