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I am 100% opposed to a measure that allows homeless to essentially take over any space they like with no infringement or consequence. As a full time worker and home owner I have less rights than a homeless person does now. As a single woman I've had to change many aspects of the life I used to live in and around Portland simply as a matter of safety but also because the joy has lessened to be out and about in what used to be an awesome place to live. I'm already taxed as a high earner to contribute to the homeless solution of which I've seen no real progress. If a housed citizen was out in public loitering, littering, being publicly drunk or belligerent, didn't follow rules for their pets (leash and clean up after them, don't allow them to attack people), did drugs in public, solicited strangers for money or other, they would be removed and/or arrested. What is happening here is out of hand and it's painful to see homeless have more rights and less required of them than those who work, pay taxes, and abide by the law. This measure is such nonsense I could hardly believe what I was reading. Hard no to this. Please let's stop what is happening here.