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This proposal is a complete disregard of reality of the situation. There is so much drug addiction and mental illness beyond poverty or homelessness. Where are the services? Allowing people to stay on the streets without services isn't helping anyone. On any given day, there are half dozen or more camps and tents that are along the sidewalks of my child's school and playground, and the public park that's adjacent to the school. What about allowing kids a safe walk to school and a safe place to learn. This is a K-12 in downtown portland and kids are being chased by screaming zombies (due to drugs and mental illness). They have come at the kids with sticks and lite things on fire around the school. It is unsafe. Why is it ok for homeless camps to be immediately outside of public playground and school property, yet legal businesses such as liquor stores and even dispensaries (who all pay taxes) need to be a minimum of 500' from schools? City's are still struggling, this bill will not help. Portland prides itself in the mom/pop small businesses and you cannot put the responsibility on them to deal with camps and homelessness when this will directly impact their businesses and livelihood. This bill is a complete disregard of the social order and social contract in our modern society. people will continue to move away from this chaos.