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This is another bill that is taking us backwards. We need to provide services and housing to people with drug addictions, not lock them up. The threat of jail does not heal people from the trauma that causes drug addiction. Spending time in jail does not end addictions. More trauma (and expense) only perpetuates drug addiction. But reducing trauma by providing housing and counseling and food and comfort leads to healing.

In addition, this bill will disproportionately hurt Black and Brown populations. They always get arrested more, get punished harsher.

Listen to the service providers and non-profits who help these communities. Listen to the Black and Brown people who will be impacted the most. Stop privileging and centering white folk.

Do not create more crimes. heal people instead.