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I am firmly opposed to this bill because it ignores a significant body of scientific evidence on the actionable needs of homeless people. This bill is only meant to protect private property interests with little to no regard for the human lives impacted by poverty. I live in the Buckman neighborhood and work in downtown. I have established relationships with my houseless neighbors and their needs are real, valid, and solvable. This bill, however, does not address any housing-first or prevention-based solutions. In this time of grave inequity, it is imperative to our community's health that we help people meet their most basic needs of food, shelter, and safety. This bill values the subjective aesthetic of property over the lives of Portlanders. I will not be voting for any representative who supports this bill, as it is clear they do not support their people.