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The creation of special rights is something that should not be taken lightly and takes a lot of thought. The un-intended. In-intended consequences are many times drowned out by misguided compassion or pressure from activist groups. The homelessness experiments in Portland do not demonstrate and measure of true success because the planners of these programs do not seem to know what success looks like. Taking a person off the street and putting them in tax payer funded housing is not success. It's just one more entitlement that has no end because the planners fail to acknowledge that the majority of the homeless do not want to be responsible for their own well-being. Couple this with the ill fated Measure 110 and you compound the problem.

The legislature is suppose to do the bidding for all the people in Oregon including the overwhelming majority that are responsible and accountable. Lately, everything the Legislature does only benefits the minority who refuse to conform to a drug free life that would allow them to get jobs and be productive. New laws or rights like this "Right to Rest" legislation just legalize and support the non-productive at the expense and/or discomfort of the productive. Oregon law makers need to rid themselves of this "stray cat" mentality and make Oregon the revered state it once was instead of the laughing stock it has become.