

My homeless history goes way back to 1993, a time when there were absolutely no legal places for any homeless persons to be and when there was not even a 24 hour period of time to move. Campers could be ordered to move immediately by police. This is a portion of my journal describing the day when I received a copy of a freshly passed H.B. 2482 relating to the removal of homeless individuals from public sites with the addition of posting a 24 hour notice and when I introduced it for the first time to Eugene Police.

THE FIRST TIME OUT OF TWO THAT I PUNKED EPD's ENTIRE Rapid Deployment Unit

The last time he(officer RS) and I faced off with one another was when I had just posted a copy of a newly passed H.B. 2482 on the outside of my trailer which was that a minimum of 24 hours was required before bothering a camper to move. First, his gang showed up at my door one day and proceeded to block my exit, an illegal detainment, then they ordered me to leave immediately the nice peaceful spot on 5th and Wallace way out in the industrial zone of w. Eugene. So I pointed to the law and I said, this right here says you need to leave me alone for at least 24 hours and this statute law H.B. 2482 supersedes Eugene's camping ban.

The officers read it and they were stumped, they had not yet seen it or heard about it and they were unable to figure out if that was what they were supposed to do, so they radioed in their supervisor, R.S. to drive all the way out to read it for himself. So now I got 7 cops standing there at my door having a circle-jerk waiting for their leader, taking a little while to get there. He shows up, reads the copy for a few minutes then he just gives me a dirty look and you could see he was visibly pissed and stumped, and he said, We'll be back and they all turned around and left. (Wipe the sweat off my forehead!) 72 hours I might not have obeyed that time either but homeless campers today have it much harder today than I did back in 1995 with much fewer options with which to move to or stay legally. Conditions have never been worse for people today they need time to think, to plan, and when I see what they are up against I pray for them and that I am never homeless again. Been a renter in excellent standing with social security for 7 years now. Campers out there need all the help can get. I hope this bill passes, thank you.