

Submitter: Troy West

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

Greetings:

I'm writing to express my opposition to HB 3501. This ill-advised bill simply creates more incentive for the homeless to remain homeless in unsafe, unsanitary conditions as well as being a nuisance to the taxpayers of Oregon. Additionally, the ability to bring charges for being removed just creates more legal disputes and wastes more public resources.

There is a difference between compassion and unrealistic ideals and this clearly falls into the latter category. There are many like me in Portland who have grown weary with the money being thrown at the homeless crisis while taxes are skyrocketing, crime is up, livability is down, we all are feeling the financial pinch, and this once great city is reduced to a shadow of its former self. We are not without compassion, but think that means such as HB 3501 contribute to the problem and not the solutions.

Thank you for your time.