

Submitter: Kathy Gardner

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure: HB3501

Ladies and Gentlemen of the House Committee,

PLEASE VOTE NO!

Being a resident of both Beaverton (2018) and Bend (2023), I have seen a drastic change in the areas I visit.

Yes, it is heart breaking to see the homeless population grow over the last few years due to a variety of circumstances.

But, to continue to allow this and make it easier is NOT going to solve the problem. I have a small area near my home that has now become a place of tiny houses to help the people get back on their feet. I am not happy about this, but it is a better solution than having a mass of tents with no rules and regulations. I am hoping that this place close to home will be managed, orderly and above all stay neat and clean. By allowing a free for all, is NOT the solution to the problem.

I would like to see more in the way of PREVENTION first to stop the problem from happening at all. Second, start to come up with viable solutions to help those in need, who want to help themselves. Put people to work within the camps to help come up with a solution. Handouts are only going to enable them to continue this lifestyle.

Incentives (housing, decent pay, etc.) to bring good Social Workers, Prevention Specialist and Recovery Coaches to the area and build a treatment center!!!!

There are so many other possibilities, HB 3501 is NOT the solution to the problem.
PLEASE VOTE NO!