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This is not a real solution to our current emergency. I have grown up here and seen different stages of the metro area. Never before have there been so many homeless, especially in the metro area outside of the urban core. As someone experiencing the spillover of Portland's extreme homeless crisis, this bill will make an difficult situation untenable. I am raising young children, and having people loiter and camp in public and private spaces has gotten out of hand. Downtown Beaverton used to be a safe space, but recently I've encountered semi hostile activities right by playgrounds. There needs to be the ability to act and move people along who are over extending their stay in public spaces. I need my kids to feel safe, and know what acceptable behavior is in the public square, and we are slowly losing that. Please clean up the state and house, do better legislators and find real solutions that don't penalizing your tax base.