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I am opposed to this bill. Find central location in Oregon with services for mental health, drug treatment, job skills, and temporary housing. Round all these individuals up and get them off our sidewalks, right of ways, forests, green spaces, etc and take them to this central location and give them the services they need and treat them for whatever their issue is. If they are able to enter society again as a productive member, great. If not they would stay in the central location and be taken care of. Very much the same principal as dog shelters or prisons. As to their rights, they lost that as soon as they crapped, littered, shot up, etc out in public spaces. For the public good letting them camp everywhere is not solving anything for them. All this is doing is making me think more about leaving Oregon. Oregon was such a beautiful place and now it's looking like the streets of every other big city in California. Ideas are always the same and the problem keeps getting bigger. Change your ideas and put mental health, drug treatment, job skill services in place first, then a temporary facility or multiple facilities to house and begin treating each individual with the goal of making them a productive member of society again. If a certain individual can't, then they would be taken care forever and not as a blight on our public spaces that we pay taxes for.