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I strongly oppose this bill. There used to be laws regarding vagrancy. While imperfect, those laws encouraged solutions to "homelessness". Citizens came together to support shelters though Churches, fraternal organizations or other groups. There was also a time when laws against using banned substances were enforced. Similar to the solutions associated with homelessness, those laws encouraged development of solutions to help people who abused substances. Again, while not perfect these laws set an expectation of civil behavior that allowed all to live together peacefully. Now we see the result of low expectations, and no personal accountability: drug abuse leading to homelessness, crime, and property destruction.

I beg the legislature of Oregon, do not pass this bill. It will lead to further ruin

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