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Albert Einstein once described insanity as doing the same thing over and over, yet expecting different results. Why then does the State of Oregon through the legislative process continue to make the homeless problem worse by introducing "insane" legislation like HB3501? Do you want the rest of the State of Oregon to resemble Portland and its surrounding neighborhoods? It is already understood that many of the so called homeless Oregonians have recently arrived and have never paid income or property taxes in the State. The saying "come to Oregon, do drugs, get free stuff" is unfortunately accurate in many instances. What about the middle class that shoulders the burden for the failures that are contributing to the problem? The solution of throwing more taxpayer dollars at the problem is not a solution, as the problem continues to get worse and worse! HB 3501 is bad for small business, tourism, taxpayers, and those that value the quality of life in Oregon as we know it. Right to rest is the right to ruin and the vast majority of Oregonians are outraged this is even being considered. Quite frankly, it's an embarrassment. Thanks for considering my comments.

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