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As a resident of Eugene, I am very opposed to this legislation.

Look what happened to the Washington/Jefferson Park. Ruined due to people camping/resting/living there. And now taxpayers have to pay to clean it up after paying to build it.

And it is still unusable. So many places along the Willamette river we used to use for swimming or hanging out, now unusable because they have been ruined by people camping/resting/living there.

The same would happen to all of our public spaces if there is no mechanism to clear dangerous camps. Rights of the unhoused? How about the rights of everyone else? Losing access to all of our city parks is not the answer to the homeless problem. And to add insult to injury, now taxpayers also get to pay each unhoused person \$1000 for asking them to move? Just no.

Furthermore, for homes that have a parking strip on the street which are technically in the right of way of the City, that would mean that the homeowner/tenant could be sued for \$1000 for asking a person to move from their property? Absurd. Just no.

Please help us clean up our cities and continue to support routes to REMOVE people from homelessness (shelter funding, mental health facilities, CAHOOTS model of response, conestoga huts, community homes, etc). People are coming to Oregon because they can do drugs without repercussions. This is a step too far to support those folks and will only add to the decline of our beautiful cities and do nothing to address the root causes of homelessness.