

# Right to Rest Act HB 2367



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*The criminalization of homelessness harms our entire community: public funds are drained by security and "clean-up" initiatives that ultimately work to further entrench our most vulnerable into poverty. [HB 2367](#) would ensure that all Oregonians have the right to exist in public space without the threat of harassment, citation, or arrest.*

**THE RIGHT TO REST ACT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR A HEARING AND A WORK SESSION ON APRIL 13TH – THIS IS A BILL THEY CAN'T KILL!**

Due to overwhelming pressure from our community, HB2367 has been scheduled for a hearing on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 1:00 PM PST. Written testimony submitted for the prior hearing has been carried over, but to testify live you need to [sign up here](#) (you will need to sign up AGAIN if you signed up previously)

## WHAT DOES THIS LEGISLATION PROPOSE?

- Homeless people are most often prosecuted for "crimes of survival," such as sitting, lying or sleeping outside. The Right to Rest Act would protect:
  - The right for homeless people to use a tent to sleep in and protect themselves from adverse weather conditions in public space.
  - The right to share food, eat, and pray in public spaces.
  - The right to inhabit your own legally parked vehicle to sleep.
- This bill would extend the privacy rights afforded to homeowners to homeless people, preventing the unlawful seizure and destruction of their possessions.

*"It's like we can all be neighbors and we can all be getting along. But the moment you lose your housing, people treat you like you have a disease. We should all have the same rights, whether you are living inside or out." -Ibrahim, Portland*

## WHY DO WE NEED THIS LEGISLATION?

- Criminalization does not reduce homelessness, but instead constitutes an offensive and ineffective use of our public resources.
- Sleep is essential to everyone's health, well-being, and ability to function. The lack of rest resulting from constant harassment exacerbates and causes physical and mental health issues.

**Sponsors:** Chief Sponsor Rep. Campos, Co-Sponsors Rep. Grayber, Rep. Pham and Rep. Dexter

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**HB 2367 Hearing  
Tuesday, April 13th  
at 1:00 pm**

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CITIES HAVE 224  
ANTI-HOMELESS ORDINANCES**

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