

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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ANTI-HOMELESS ORDINANCES**

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