

Andrea Salinas voted to allow homeless people to camp on public property, and she voted to increase restrictions on local governments' ability to remove homeless encampments. We need to help homeless people, not enable them.

BACKUP:

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HB 3115: Requiring Municipalities to Allow Homeless Camping on Public Property

In 2021, Andrea Salinas voted for HB 3115, which would require all Oregon municipalities to update their local ordinances to allow homeless people to camp on public property:

- In 2021, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 3115, which required all Oregon municipalities to update their local ordinances to allow homeless people to camp on public property. “Oregon communities must rewrite local rules to allow Oregonians to sit, lie, sleep and keep warm and dry on public property in most circumstances. House Bill 3115, which passed the Senate Wednesday afternoon and is en route to Gov. Kate Brown's desk, is a response to a 2018 landmark homelessness case that impacted most Western states with an intent to better support individuals experiencing homelessness. While local governments should already be following rules set forth by the case known as Martin v. Boise, the bill, written at the behest of House Speaker Tina Kotek, forces cities to officially change any language still on the books to be in line with the court decision.” (Nicole Hayden, “Oregon will allow homeless individuals to sleep on public land in all communities,” [The Oregonian](#), 6/10/21)
 - *The Oregonian* headline: “Oregon will allow homeless individuals to sleep on public land in all communities” (Nicole Hayden, “Oregon will allow homeless individuals to sleep on public land in all communities,” [The Oregonian](#), 6/10/21)
 - *NewsTalk KFLD* headline: “Oregon To Allow Homeless Camping on All Public Lands” (John McKay, “Oregon To Allow Homeless Camping on All Public Lands,” [NewsTalk KFLD](#), 6/11/21)
- In April 2021, Andrea Salinas voted for House Bill 3115. (Oregon State Legislature, “HB 3115,” Third Reading, Passed: 35-23, Salinas Voted Aye, [House Vote](#), 4/15/21)

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Third reading. Carried by Power. Passed. Ayes, 35; Nays, 23--Bonham, Boshart Davis, Breese-Iverson, Cate, Drazan, Evans, Gomberg, Hayden, Leif, Lewis, Meek, Moore-Green, Morgan, Nearman, Owens, Post, Reschke, Smith DB, Smith G, Stark, Wallan, Weber, Wright; Excused, 2
Clem, Levy.

Vote:

Drazan	Nay	Smith Warner	Aye
Alonso Leon	Aye	Bonham	Nay
Boshart Davis	Nay	Breese-Iverson	Nay
Bynum	Aye	Campos	Aye
Cate	Nay	Clem	Excused
Dexter	Aye	Evans	Nay
Fahey	Aye	Gomberg	Nay
Grayber	Aye	Hayden	Nay
Helm	Aye	Holvey	Aye
Hudson	Aye	Kropf	Aye
Leif	Nay	Levy	Excused
Lewis	Nay	Lively	Aye
Marsh	Aye	McLain	Aye
Meek	Nay	Moore-Green	Nay
Morgan	Nay	Nathanson	Aye
Nearman	Nay	Neron	Aye
Noble	Aye	Nosse	Aye
Owens	Nay	Pham	Aye
Post	Nay	Power	Aye
Prusak	Aye	Rayfield	Aye
Reardon	Aye	Reschke	Nay
Reynolds	Aye	Ruiz	Aye
Salinas	Aye	Sanchez	Aye
Schouten	Aye	Smith G	Nay
Smith DB	Nay	Soliman	Aye
Stark	Nay	Valderrama	Aye
Wallan	Nay	Weber	Nay
Wilde	Aye	Williams	Aye
Witt	Aye	Wright	Nay
Zika	Aye	Speaker Kotek	Aye

(Oregon State Legislature, "HB 3115," Third Reading, Passed: 35-23, Salinas Voted Aye, [House Vote](#), 4/15/21)

The Marion County Board of Commissioners opposed HB 3115, arguing that it could place local residents at risk by restricting local governments' power to limit homeless camps, and noting that Oregon is facing a homeless crisis:

- The Marion County Board of Commissioners opposed HB 3115, arguing that the measure “would limit local control of the homeless crisis facing Oregon.” “The Marion County Board of Commissioners opposed it, however, saying the measure ‘would limit local control of the homeless crisis facing Oregon.’” (Andrew Selsky, “Oregon Legislature OKs measure to protect homeless campers,” [KGW 8](#), 6/9/21)
- Marion County Commissioners further argued that the bill would “place residents in our communities at risk by restricting local government’s power to limit homeless camps.” “The Marion County Board of Commissioners opposed it, however, saying the measure ‘would limit local control of the homeless crisis facing Oregon.’ ‘This bill would place residents in our communities at risk by restricting local government’s power to limit homeless camps,’ commissioners Kevin Cameron, Danielle Bethell and Colm Willis wrote.” (Andrew Selsky, “Oregon Legislature OKs measure to protect homeless campers,” [KGW 8](#), 6/9/21)

HB 3124: Restrictions on Removing Homeless Camps

Salinas voted to increase restrictions on local governments' ability to remove homeless encampments:

- In 2021, the Oregon House approved House Bill 3124, which tripled the time local governments must post notice before removing homeless encampments as well as the amount of time unclaimed property from removed encampments must be stored. “The Oregon House on Monday approved a bill that would extend the notice period to homeless individuals before local government agency’s remove an encampment from 24 hours to 72 hours. In addition, the measure would increase the time a municipality would be required to store unclaimed personal property removed from a site from 30 days to 90

days. House Bill 3124 passed by a vote of 39-16 and now moves to the Senate.” (Sara Cline, “Oregon House Passes Bill Extending Homeless Camp Notice,” [The Associated Press](#), 4/19/21)

- **Andrea Salinas voted for HB 3124.** (Oregon State Legislature, “HB 3124,” House concurred in Senate amendments and repassed bill, Passed: 39-19, Salinas Voted Aye, [House Vote](#), 6/9/21)

House concurred in Senate amendments and repassed bill. Ayes: 39. Nays: 19. Borham, Boshart Davis, Breese-Iverson, Cate, Drazan, Levy, Lewis, Moore-Green, Morgan, Noble, Owens, Post, Reschke, Smith DB, Smith G, Stark, Wallan, Weber, Wright; Excused: 2--Evans, Nearman.			
Vote:			
Drazan	Nay	Smith Warner	Aye
Alonso Leon	Aye	Borham	Nay
Boshart Davis	Nay	Breese-Iverson	Nay
Bynum	Aye	Campos	Aye
Cate	Nay	Clem	Aye
Dexter	Aye	Evans	Excused
Fahey	Aye	Gomberg	Aye
Grayber	Aye	Hayden	Aye
Halm	Aye	Holley	Aye
Hudson	Aye	Kropf	Aye
Leif	Aye	Levy	Nay
Lewis	Nay	Lively	Aye
Marsh	Aye	McLain	Aye
Meek	Aye	Moore-Green	Nay
Morgan	Nay	Nathanson	Aye
Nearman	Excused	Neron	Aye
Noble	Nay	Noise	Aye
Owens	Nay	Pham	Aye
Post	Nay	Power	Aye
Prusak	Aye	Rayfield	Aye
Reaction	Aye	Reschke	Nay
Reynolds	Aye	Rutz	Aye
Salinas	Aye	Sanchez	Aye
Schoulen	Nay	Smith G	Nay
Smith DB	Nay	Sollman	Aye
Stark	Nay	Valderrama	Aye
Wallan	Nay	Weber	Nay
Wilda	Aye	Williams	Aye
Witt	Aye	Wright	Nay
Zika	Aye	Speaker Kotek	Aye

(Oregon State Legislature, “HB 3124,” House concurred in Senate amendments and repassed bill, Passed: 39-19, Salinas Voted Aye, [House Vote](#), 6/9/21)

- **Opponents of HB 3124 raised concerns that the extended 72-hour notice could create challenges in intervening earlier in “severe” circumstances.** “Among them was Lucas Hillier, the program manager for the City of Portland Homelessness and Urban Camping Impact Reduction Program. For the past six years, the program has been responsible for coordinating the cleanup of campsites in Portland. Hillier said in written testimony that currently the program gives a 48-hour notice. ‘We have found that to be a good balance to provide individuals enough advance notice while at the same time still allowing us to be response when necessary,’ Hillier said. Hillier along with Republican Rep. Kim Wallan raised concerns that the extended 72-hour notice could create challenges in intervening earlier in ‘severe’ circumstances. Under the proposed bill, a 72-hour notice would not be required when there are illegal activities at the site, possible contamination by hazardous materials or when there is immediate danger to human life or safety.” (Sara Cline, “Oregon House Passes Bill Extending Homeless Camp Notice,” [The Associated Press](#), 4/19/21)
- **Opponents also warned the increased property storage requirements would require cities to increase their storage facilities at significant cost.** “Hillier said in addition, holding property for an additional two months may not be feasible. ‘In the overwhelming majority of instances, people collect their belongings within days of the cleanup,’ Hillier said. ‘The City would need to triple the capacity of our current 5,500 (square foot) storage facility at a significant cost.’” (Sara Cline, “Oregon House Passes Bill Extending Homeless Camp Notice,” [The Associated Press](#), 4/19/21)