

Testimony against SB 2030

To the Members of the Committee

Homelessness is indeed a terrible situation. I am not against helping those that are homeless.

I am for helping the genuinely homeless that truly do not want to be homeless.

I am concerned that the definition of a homeless person could extend to temporary situations in which individuals can take undue advantage of government funds.

I am not against the government assisting organizations that are helping those trapped in a terrible situation.

My concern is “well-meaning” government programs that don’t decrease the homeless population, but contribute to continuing the homeless situation.

The reasons for being homelessness can be complicated. Providing housing can be just a “band-aid” on a terrible wound. Makes the government feel good, but doesn’t slow down the continuation of the problem.

My sister is a social worker that works for school districts in Florida. She reaches out to those children that are in homeless families. It is heart breaking. But what is even more heartbreaking is that in spite of all the effort they put into helping these children, these families, there are very, very few efforts that are successful.

A study of homelessness should preclude any monies spent otherwise. A well-constructed and implemented study will help to more carefully identify true homelessness, and will help to identify the best ways to help these individuals and families.

Use tax payer money wisely!

I am against this bill as it is written.