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And Homelessness

On Behalf of:

Measure, appointment or Topic: HB3054

I am writing in support of HB3054. As a senior citizen we moved into our floating home in 2022, which was a dream come true. My wife and I have always wanted to live on the water.

When we moved into our floating home in 6/2022 our slip rent was \$796.80, on 7/1/23 it increased to \$868.80, in 7/1/24 it increased to \$929.60, and now we have been informed our rent will increase on 7/1/25 to \$994.56.

The Statement of Policy provided by the marina management showed a 10 year annual rental history increase of 3.2% from 2011-2021.

Since we moved in we have had an 8.2% average rental increase from 2022-2025. On a fixed income these additional monthly expenses are well beyond what we were anticipating. We periodically review our finances to see where we need to adjust our spending.

My wife and I live on a fixed income like many of our fellow marina residents. I am sure you are aware that our Social Security increases do not even cover the cost of living increases.

We have seen maintenance repairs, but have not seen any improvements or additional services in the marina to warrant such significant rental increases.

When discussing the rental increase with the owner, all he said was living on the water “is a life style choice”.

Thank you, Kenneth Barlow

