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Over the last 3 years we have worked very hard to clean up a derelict park. The clean-up costs have been supplied by the park. Understanding who lives in our park is integral piece to creating and keeping a safe place for families to live. By banning 3rd party screening fees you are unfairly switching the burden to the housing provider. For the last 25 years we have gone through an exhaustive pre-screening process to avoid having applicants pay for a screening when we know upfront that the applicant does not meet the park criteria. This is another case of the state pushing unnecessary costs to landlords who will in turn pass these cost to the people who can afford them the least. If the goal is here is to remove all private investors in housing, you are well on your way to success. Who will invest in mobile home parks and apartments? The state is not going to do it. There is already a severe housing shortage and it's worse on the coast. In these times you should be taking steps to attract new investors to build and upgrade new housing starts. I can promise you that if you continue down this path, we will eventually throw up our hands and sell our properties (at a loss) and walk away from a what is quickly becoming a losing proposition. The result will be communities with failing septic and water systems. With no management they will become a haven for criminals. With no enforcement of rules, homes will continue to fail and become uninhabitable adding to the homelessness problem. What will you do then? Please vote no on HB2967