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YES on HB 3054 A

I am a senior on a fixed income and I live in a manufactured home park. This park is well-maintained but my rent goes up significantly every year. While I get COLA increases in my income, it DOES NOT even begin to cover how much everything else goes up, especially my space rent. I'm past the age of earning and am single, so for me this is devastating. I moved from California where we had rent control at 2.5% each year and the park was still able to be well-maintained.

HB 3054-A implements stricter rent control for manufactured home parks and marinas which often have seniors on fixed incomes as tenants. Park operators can only raise rents a maximum of 6% each year in most cases, regardless of the rate of inflation. This is still too much!!! Would you consider a lower maximum increase? If California can do it, Oregon can do it.

This bill would limit rent increases in manufactured home parks and floating home marinas to the CPI. The current law, ORS 90.600 allows annual rent increases of 7% on top of CPI which can easily equate to a 10% rent increase.

Please vote YES on HB 3045 and consider lowering the percentage in your work session.

Thank you,
Denice Searcy