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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2022 without my signature.

This bill would impose new requirements on the Emergency Preparedness Plans (EPP) that mobilehome park owners must implement starting January 1, 2027. The bill would also update requirements for park owners to notify residents of the EPP, require enforcement agencies to ensure compliance and impose penalties, and require the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to post these changes by June 30, 2026.

While the goal of improving emergency communication between park owners and residents is commendable, the bill raises several concerns. By applying the proposed requirements only to Mobilehome Parks (MHPs) and excluding Special Occupancy Parks (SOPs), the bill would disrupt the historically consistent regulations for both park types, complicating enforcement and creating uneven safety standards. Additionally, the bill contains several ambiguities around park owners' responsibilities, particularly concerning their knowledge and handling of critical infrastructure during an emergency.

The bill would also result in a significant increase in workload for HCD to process, implement, and monitor these new requirements. The expansion of staff and resources to meet these ongoing obligations must be evaluated within the broader context of the state budget, ensuring that long-term workload demands align with available resources.

For these reasons, I cannot sign this bill.

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