

SB 484 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Limits application fee to one per applicant for multiple dwelling units owned or managed by the same landlord. Requires refund to applicants who are screened but not selected.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Actual cost of processing a rental application
- Cost adds up for tenants applying for several different rentals; average cost per application around \$50

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

It is common practice for landlords to ask potential renters to pay the cost of processing and screening their applications. For tenants that apply for multiple living situations, these fees add up quickly. Senate Bill 484 requires one fee when an application is made to rent one of multiple units owned or managed by the landlord, and for application fees to be refunded to applicants who are not selected.