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Representative Pam Marsh
Chair, House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
900 Court St NE, S-409
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Anderson, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson,

I urge you to pass HB 2967 to prohibit landlords from charging application fees. These fees create a major financial burden for low-income renters, making it harder to secure stable housing.

Given the number of barriers folks already face in attempting to access housing, particularly multiply marginalized folks navigating poverty, our community should work toward more equitable access to affordable housing and this is one means by which to work toward this goal.

These fees disproportionately affect marginalized communities and keep families trapped in unstable housing situations. Landlords have little incentive to keep these fees low. Existing regulations make it difficult for tenants to enforce their rights.

Eliminating these fees will help reduce barriers to housing and give renters a better chance at stability.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Relée Davis