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Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Anderson and Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Chloe Cooper and I am a renter in the Humboldt neighborhood. I support HB 2967 to prohibit rental application screening fees.

This bill eliminates unnecessary costs for tenants, and is an opportunity to support Oregonians with securing stable housing. Application fees can cost around \$40-\$50 or more per adult applicant, and these fees limit the number of units a renter can afford to apply. These fees disproportionately affect marginalized communities.

Landlords should cover the cost of screening fees as part of their operating expenses, and this has become an increasingly common practice in other states. If this bill is passed, it will decrease barriers for Oregonians to secure stable housing.

I urge you to pass HB 2967.

Thank you.