

February 17, 2025

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.

As a single mother of three who has been faced with the financial burden of paying application fees when looking for apartments to rent, I can attest to the challenges of finding enough money to pay these fees while working on stabilizing housing for my family. Please consider the impact that this additional economic burden has on families and put a stop to these fees being a mandatory process when securing housing.

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,
Cat Luna