

Submitter: Shelby Staffenson

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3974

I strongly oppose HB3974. Landlords have to be able to screen potential tenants and that costs money. If there is a cap on the residential application fee, then the landlord will likely need to increase rental fees to cover that costs. This bill will only put more strain on the housing market and drive-up rental prices. Current law does not allow landlords to profit from application fees. If this bill is trying to reduce costs to get into a rental unit, it will initially accomplish that. However, in the long run it will cost tenants more in higher rents, and they may have fewer options as some rental units will no longer be rental units. Please vote NO on HB3974.