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As someone working in housing services, 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. I teach a tenant education program; just last week two of my students who have taken many steps to overcome their housing barriers stated they were passing on opportunities to apply to long-term rental housing solely because they couldn't afford multiple application fees.

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, and many rental assistance programs do not factor in application fees.

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

Thank you for your time.