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We currently charge \$46 to run a credit and criminal check, which is exactly what it costs us. We do not run reports in bulk, we only have a few rentals. If we don't run an application, we return the fee, typically within 14 days. (One must wait for the check to clear anyway). We get the reports directly from the screening company, which is an oregon business. This means that there can be no Tampering of the information on the screen. 2 times that we allowed an applicant to hand us an already report, there was obvious evidence of changing the information. So direct access to the report is critical. Not only is capping the rate artificially low an extreme burden, but mandating reliance on 3rd party screenings that aren't vetted in quality, and coming directly from the source endangers my business. Both in multi family situations and renting to roommates in my own home, this bill as written is flawed. Please work further on the bill to allow the fees to be exactly passed on to the applicant (without inflation) and to come directly from the source, making sure it is a good source and not a scam, or one that omits necessary information. A house for rent is a significant asset ...upwards of \$300,000 - an owner must be able to properly vet the person who will be entrusted its care. Thank you.