

Submitter: Danny Rauda

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3974

Dear Chair Bowman, Vice Chairs Drazan and Pham, and Members of the Rules Committee,

My name is Danny Rauda. I live in Beaverton and work at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Tigard, where I serve as the Coordinator of Social Justice Ministry. I am writing in strong support of HB 3974, which would cap rental application fees at \$20 to protect renters from excessive and unfair charges during the housing search process.

In my work at St. Anthony, I have heard countless stories from individuals and families struggling with economic and housing insecurity. High rental application fees are one of many barriers to securing stable housing—particularly for larger families and communities of color, who are often required to submit multiple applications and pay repeatedly just for the chance to be considered.

In response, I have worked closely with our parish and surrounding community to listen deeply and organize for change. We recently formed a grassroots housing justice group, which held a lobby day at the Capitol on May 21st to share firsthand experiences and advocate for solutions like HB 3974.

I urge you to support this important bill. Reducing application fees is a small but meaningful step toward equity and dignity in our housing system.

Sincerely,
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