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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3974

Chair Bowman, Vice Chairs Drazan and Pham.

I'm a student at Oregon State University, who recently had to attempt to find housing for the new year. I'm writing in support of HB 3974, to cap rental application fees to \$20, because high rental fees place an undue burden on apartment seekers. For my last apartment, me and my cosigner paid \$65 in application fees to even be considered. For my current apartment, we've paid \$100. It's difficult for me to believe that it costs \$100 to process my application.

I was fortunate enough to be able to afford these costs, but for many others, including some of my friends here on campus, these application fees are just another cost getting in the way of accessing housing. They pile on top of first and last month and deposits, making it expensive to move. The high cost of moving forces people to stay in apartments that have higher rent and worse living conditions. Passing this legislation would be one small step in making a housing market that's more affordable.

Please vote yes on HB 3974.

Sincerely,
Mariela Neiberg