

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.

My name is Liza Andrew and I support HB 1395.

We as tenants are expected to pay an application fee which often goes towards the price for background checks, criminal checks, and credit checks. We deserve to see the proof these checks were performed and the price for these actions. We get receipts for almost every action in modern society so why would this not be one of them?

What possible opposition can there be to this bill? Would providing receipts be a hardship? They provide us receipts for other actions while renting. As a consumer we are entitled to see where our money goes and how it is spent.

NDAAs want no burden/work and no cost which is not reasonable with running any business.

"This should be amended to read "a full copy of report and for all applicants both approved and denied and be done automatically". Tenants pay for the report so we should own it and get a copy of it.

Bel Castle opposes this stating "The postage would not be one stamp. It would require a trip to the post office to make sure we have enough postage which would be daily minimum an hour." Every office should already own a cheap postage meter...no trips to post office needed! And most importantly they state they are using a "screening company"...that means they aren't going thru the 3 major reporting credit companies. They are probably using a national data within their associations/ If they were using the 3 credit bureaus then then it would not matter how many states an applicant previously lived in.

And they say "This should not be emailed due to sensitive information and private information"....how are they getting their reports...certainly not by mail!!!

And they say "I believe very few individuals would be interested in receiving the report,'....if that is the case than it should not be burdensome to them if they went by at the request of tenant. Last but not least " a tenant should be able to provide their own current and free reports to each place they apply to and then there would be no cost or burden to the apt building" ...that would prevent them from charging a fee or having to provide a copy to tenant or doing the work themselves.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do pass HB 1395.