

SB 484 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Meek

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 04/29/19

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Helt, Keny-Guyer, Meek, Mitchell, Noble, Sanchez, Schouten, Williams, Zika

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/22, 4/29

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Limits application fee to one per tenant for multiple dwelling units owned or managed by the same landlord within a 60-day period.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current competition for housing
- Amendments to correct an issue discussed on Senate floor
- Responsibility to track 60-day time period
- Time period a result of negotiations

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Adds 60-day time limit per screening fee per applicant. Eliminates requirement to refund fees paid by applicants who do not become tenants.

BACKGROUND:

It is common practice for landlords to ask potential renters to pay the cost of processing and screening their applications. For tenants who apply for multiple locations, these fees add up quickly. Senate Bill 484 A requires one fee when an application is made to rent one of multiple units owned or managed by the same landlord within a 60-day period.