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Topic: HB05242 - AAC THE COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES OF CRIMINAL RECORDS ON HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES.

Opposes

Testimony:

I oppose this bill for many reasons. Those with violent behaviors, such as arsonists, stalkers, rapists, murderers, etc., should not be allowed to live in a community if the property so chooses to not allow this. Their behavior endangers other tenants. Tenants do not want those with violent criminal histories to live in their buildings. This will also increase the property's insurance premiums, which then cause the Landlord to raise the rents to offset these additional costs, further exacerbating housing affordability issues. Perhaps the government can fund more transitional living or support housing facilities for those re-entering society after being incarcerated for their violent crimes. I understand not denying someone that has any type of criminal record, but Landlords should be able to deny someone that has a violent record.