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**Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor  
AARP Nevada Testimony in Support of AB 298**

- Chair Spearman and members of the committee, for the record my name is Maria Moore and I am the state director of AARP Nevada. Today, I speak on behalf of AARP Nevada's 347,000 members. Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of Assembly Bill 298 today.
- It is important that there is transparency and clarity to the rental application process for residential rentals. This legislation clarifies that all owners/managers who collect application fees will provide prospective renters with a written disclosure including the amounts. Further, the legislation also creates a process for prospective renters to recover a paid application fee if the prospective renter's application is denied. This helps in reducing monetary burdens on a renter who invariably are already burdened with the ever-increasing rents.
- It is important that rental fees and deposits are not charged when there is no apartment to rent, and when they are charged, they should be reasonable and proportional the cost to the landlord of processing the application. Similarly, when it comes to deposit, especially for older adults who rent, who tend to be on fixed incomes and are more likely to be low income and cannot afford to pay excessively high application fees and security deposits.
- We applaud the legislation by Majority Leader Jauregui and thank the committee for your time and consideration.

