



Written Testimony on Senate Bill No. 307

To: Honorable Chair Bud Estes
Federal and State Affairs Committee

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on Senate Bill 307. Like many municipalities, the City of Prairie Village operates a public swimming pool complex. This complex includes two slides that now fall under the definition of “amusement rides.” At 18 feet, these slides are just over the 15 feet in height specified in SB 307, and thus require an inspection.

While the City recognizes the need to provide safe amusement rides for the public’s enjoyment, the “qualified inspector” outlined in this bill has been difficult to find. The City had to partner with a number of local governments in the Johnson County area to hire an inspector from Texas who met the required qualifications.

The City does not object to reasonable safety regulations, but asks that the height requirement of water slides and definition of a “qualified inspector” be revisited.