

To: The House Committee on Federal and State Affairs
From: Daniel Yoza, Assistant City Attorney, City of Olathe
Subject: Testimony in Support of 2018 SB 307
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Dear Committee Members,

Please consider this letter our testimony in support of Senate Bill 307.

The City of Olathe has seven waterslides and a lazy river ride that are subject to the amusement ride act passed in 2017. Senate Bill 307 resolves the challenges we are having with the act.

We appreciate and support the exemption for municipalities that the Senate Committee inserted on page six of the bill. We have operated our waterslides many years without serious injuries and will continue to do so. We view the exemption as a positive acknowledgement of this fact. As we understand the exemption, we will not be required by the state to obtain waterslide licenses from the department of labor.

In the previous version of the bill, we were supportive of the language that made it easier for us to hire qualified inspectors, clarified the definition of “serious injury,” and added the category of “service proven” as an acceptable way to get ASTM F24 certification. These provisions in the bill are still acceptable to the City, and make the existing regulation better.

We support this effort to refine the regulation of amusement rides. It is very important to us to be a partner with the Legislature in designing the most effective legislation to achieve safe amusement rides with clear, obtainable standards for ride owners to follow.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or if you would like further information.

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