



State Representatives Adam C. Miller

Representative's Sponsor Testimony on Behalf of HB 178 Regarding Makenna's Law Before Senate General Government Budget Committee (As Prepared)

Thank you members of the committee, Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Wilson, and Ranking Member Craig for allowing us to testify on behalf of HB 178.

As my friend and joint sponsor explained, this important bill would regulate water pressure at pools and other water features.

A day at the splash pad should be full of joy and learning, not danger. This bipartisan bill simply ensures that water feature operators do what they should and ensure that our children are safe.

We heard the story behind this law from Makenna Day, then seven-years-old, who was seriously injured after she was standing over a water feature. Water pressure injuries can often require surgery, lingering issues, and health care requirements.

I wish we could just leave these important safety measures to the industry or the regulators, but we did and this led to Makenna's injuries and others like her.

Because of this, last month the bill passed the house with an overwhelming majority.

Thank you for your time. We will be happy to answer any questions.