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- **Aquatic safety and operations at the municipal level**

Slides purchased by municipal pools are designed sold and installed by reputable companies following ASTM standards

Even before SB 70 and now SB 307 was introduced, municipalities had provided training before and during the season regarding operating the feature following manufacture guidelines for safety of users. These include height requirements, rider position, and the intervals of when to send a rider using a trained employee in a dispatch position.

Annual and daily inspections are conducted and written records are kept.

We already have a process for addressing injuries and completing associated reports. This includes closing the feature if a serious injury occurs

This bill will place additional inspection requirements and fees for oversight that is currently in place that align with the safety standards adhered to in the municipal aquatic environment.

- **Bottomline** - extensive safety is and will continue to be a priority concern for municipal pools including but not limited to water slides.