

HB1163
Task Force to Study Fencing for Bodies of Water and Playgrounds – Established
HGO Committee
Support

Dear Honorable Chair Pena-Melnyk and Vice-Chair, Bonnie Cullison:

Please support HB1163 to establish a task force to study fencing for bodies of water and playgrounds. This bill would allow the task force to study best practices and assess how fencing and other similar environmental interventions can be used to prevent injuries and fatalities that occur in or around bodies of water and playgrounds.

Many of the children who wander are children with autism and some do not use voice to communicate. Drowning is the leading cause of death for people with autism who wander. Children with autism who wander are 160 times more likely to drown than other children.

Please vote in favor of HB1163 to collect data to determine the best ways to prevent these needless deaths. Thank you for supporting this important bill.

Best,

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