

Statement In Support of HB1221: Ronnie Hollenberg

My name is Ronnie Hollenberg, and I am writing in strong support of HB1221.

In August 2022, my best friend from summer camp, Jillian, and her younger sister Lindsay tragically lost their lives in a house fire. Their passing has had a lasting impact on their family, friends and on all who had the privilege of knowing them.

Jillian was one of the most special people I have ever known. She was kind, funny, confident, and had a spunk that was entirely her own. It was an honor to have known her and to have been loved by her. She loved teaching yoga and had a genuine curiosity and passion for learning about the ocean. I believe she would have gone on to do meaningful work in oceanography. Jillian had her whole life ahead of her, and the future that was taken from her was far too short.

Lindsay brought so much happiness and laughter into the world. She had a warmth and joy about her that lifted the people around her. The light that both of these sisters carried made a meaningful difference in so many lives.

HB1221 establishes basic, commonsense fire safety requirements for short-term rental properties, including working smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, and clearly posted evacuation information. These reasonable protections are designed to reduce preventable risk and improve guest safety.

I am supporting this bill so that Jillian and Lindsay's lives are honored through meaningful change, and so that no other family has to endure this kind of heartbreak.

Please pass HB1221.

Thank you for your time and consideration.