

To members of the Committee and Staff,

I support the bill HB 4058 as introduced. I worked at a daycare during the heatwave in 2021, I saw many young children who would come to daycare as their only relief from the heat. Many kids had clear signs of heat sickness and it broke my heart to know that they were only able to stay cool for eight hours of the day. Children coming from low and lower-middle income homes don't have access to life saving cooling tools in their homes. Especially living in a pandemic when many kids aren't able to go to air-conditioned places like the library or school, it's important we get these tools installed in their home. It is critical for low and lower-middle income households to have air conditioning installed for safety during extreme heat events or for poor air quality events. Heat waves kill more people than all other natural disasters, yet aren't taken as seriously. This is an emergency for many young children, old people, and those with medical problems.

Please support this bill and provide adequate funding to implement it in full.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments,

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