February 9, 2022

Senator Manny Diaz, Jr.
District 36
Chair, Health Policy Committee
Florida State Senate

Representative Mike Giallombardo
District 77
Vice Chair, Regulatory Reform Subcommittee
Florida House of Representatives

Senator Jason Brodeur
District 9
Vice Chair, Health Policy Committee
Florida State Senate

Representative Anna V. Eskamani
District 47
Democratic Ranking Member, Regulatory Reform Subcommittee
Florida House of Representatives

Representative Bob Rommel
District 106
Chair, Regulatory Reform Subcommittee
Florida House of Representatives


Dear Senators Diaz, Brodeur, and Representatives Rommel, Giallombardo, and Eskamani:

AIHA, the association for scientists and professionals committed to preserving and ensuring occupational and environmental health and safety (OEHS), strongly encourages you to swiftly pass Senate Bill 732¹ and its companion, House Bill 887². These bills would require employers of employees who regularly work in an outdoor environment to implement a heat exposure safety program that would train supervisors and employees to prevent, recognize, and respond to heat illness. The bills would also require the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, in conjunction with the Department of Health, to approve related training programs, training providers, and a certification process to acknowledge employer compliance.

¹ https://flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2022/732/?Tab=BillHistory
² https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=75601&SessionId=93

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AIHA believes that heat is a serious occupational hazard often not adequately controlled. As such, we urge you to swiftly pass Senate Bill 732 and its companion, House Bill 887. These bills would make meaningful progress in our efforts to protect Floridians from heat-related illness.

If you have any questions about AIHA’s support for these bills or other matters, please contact Mark Ames at mames@aiha.org or (703) 846-0730.

Sincerely,

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About AIHA
AIHA is the association for scientists and professionals committed to preserving and ensuring occupational and environmental health and safety in the workplace and community. Founded in 1939, we support our members with our expertise, networks, comprehensive education programs, and other products and services that help them maintain the highest professional and competency standards. More than half of AIHA’s nearly 8,500 members are Certified Industrial Hygienists and many hold other professional designations. AIHA serves as a resource for those employed across the public and private sectors as well as to the communities in which they work. For more information, please visit www.aiha.org.

Cc:
Senator Victor M. Torres, Jr.
District 15
Florida State Senate

Senator Annette Taddeo
District 40
Florida State Senate

Senator Loranne Ausley
District 3
Florida State Senate