

HB 187 Outfitter Assistant – Rep. Kelly Flynn  
Senate Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs  
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There are four major points to keep in mind as you listen to testimony from outfitters who have experienced the need for HB 187:

1. **There is no legal remedy for replacing a guide in an emergency**, a fact requiring Dillon outfitter, Russ Kipp, to serve his client while battling pneumonia when he could have hired his neighbor's son.
2. The Board of Outfitters can track the number and name of each emergency guide and his or her employing outfitter through employment documents described on page 4, line 5.
3. No one cares more for the safety of a client than the outfitter.
4. No one understands better than the employing outfitter how business success rests on the quality of his/her guide; the same is true for a short-time outfitter's assistant.
5. Trying to define what constitutes an "emergency" in law requires the Board of Outfitters to regulate an unlicensed position – clearly outside the Board's authority.
6. An outfitter's assistant operates on a higher level of direct supervision than an independent contractor.
7. Please resist an attempt to layer more government regulations.