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**House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee**

**Bill: HB 62, Post Certification Amendments**

Sponsor: Rep. Stoddard

Floor Sponsor:

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill: adds additional grounds for suspending or revoking the certification of a peace officer.

Discussion: The Bill was presented as the 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute with one Committee amendment. Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) is the external agency that investigates the law enforcement officers. This bill expands what POST can investigate. The Bill allows POST to investigate any officer involved situation involving dishonesty or deception, violation of employer's use of force policy and conduct that is bias or prejudicial. The Bill modifies when an officer's separation from an employer must be reported to the division. The 1<sup>st</sup> substitute, with an amendment, was adopted by the Committee. The Director of POST and the Salt Lake Attorney General's Office support this bill. Members of the public voiced their support for this bill.

Yeas: 5

Nays: 5

N/V: 1

**Outcome: Motion to pass the bill out of Committee failed. The Bill was held in Committee.**

**Bill: HB 84, Use of Force Reporting Requirements**

Sponsor: Rep. Romero

Floor Sponsor:

**UASD Position: Supports**

This Bill: requires local law enforcement agencies to collect and submit data on the use of force to the Bureau of Criminal Identification.

Discussion: The sponsor presented the bill. Rep. Gwen stated concern for the lack of clarity and vagueness of the word “credible” added to the use of force language. Rep. Ray said the term “Use of Force” is being defined by the FBI and a lot of agencies are already doing this. A “credible” allegation actually restricts what may be investigated. The Disability Law Center supports this bill, but believes their needs to be additional steps to make it better. The Commission on Criminal and Juvenal justice believes there is a more collaborate discussion that can go on, but supports the bill.

Yeas: 10

Nays: 0

N/V: 1

**Outcome: Passed out of committee with favorable recommendation**

### **Bill: HB 162, Peace Officer Training Amendments**

Sponsor: Rep. Romero

Floor Sponsor:

#### **UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill: requires a portion of a peace officer's annual training to include certain subjects.

Discussion: Rep. Romero said this bill requires 16 hours of training annually for peace officers on the topic of mental health or other crisis intervention responses. This bill also allows law enforcement agencies to set the training, but it has to be approved. The Director of POST said this 16-hour requirement will not interfere with other peace officer training. The Disability Law Center supports this bill. 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute was adopted by the Committee.

Yeas: 10

Nays: 0

N/V: 1

**Outcome: Passed out of committee, with substitute, and favorably recommended.**