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**Senate Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and Criminal Justice Committee**

**Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute HB 162, Peace Officer Training Amendments**

Sponsor: Rep. Romero

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Escamilla

**UASD Position: Tracking**

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

Discussion: The sponsor said this bill requires police officers training to include an additional 16 hours of training on mental health and other crisis intervention responses.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

**Outcome: 1<sup>st</sup> substitute HB 16 passed out of committee with a favorable recommendation**

**Bill: HB 208, Water Quality Act Amendments**

Sponsor: Rep. Ray

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Anderegg

**UASD Position: Tracking**

This Bill: addresses enforcement of water quality provisions.

Discussion: Rep. Ray said this deals with the storm water protection plan. This main substance of the bill is found starting on line 141. An act performed by an individual within the scope of their employment is attributed to the organization, not the individual with relation to storm water discharge.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

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

**Bill: 1<sup>st</sup> substitute HB 228, Jail Photo Distribution Prohibition**

Sponsor: Rep. Stratton

Floor Sponsor: Sen. Kennedy

**UASD Position: Support**

This Bill: amends provisions relating to the disclosure of an image taken during the process of booking an individual into jail.

Discussion: This bill classifies an image taken of an individual during the process of booking an individual to jail as a protected record. The sponsor believes this change is needed to protect individuals rights. Innocent people arrested, but not convicted of crimes, can have their lives ruined by having a mugshot released to the media. The Utah Sheriffs' Association voiced support for this bill. The Media Collation and members of news media outlets voiced opposition to the bill. Sen. Thatcher asked when a mug shot is taken. David Leavitt, a Utah County prosecutor, said a mug shot is taken immediately upon booking. Sen. Thatcher voiced support for this bill. The sponsor said once an individual is convicted, their mug shot can be released to the media. The sponsor said it does not prohibit the media from telling a story or using a different photo, it simply doesn't allow a mug shot photo to be used.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

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