

House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee

3/4/2025

Bill: 4th Substitute SB 243 – Law Enforcement Quota Amendments

Sponsor: Senator Todd Weiler

Floor Sponsor: Representative Ryan D. Wilcox

UASD Position: Tracking

This Bill concerns impermissible law enforcement quotas.

Discussion: Senator Weiler presented the Bill, which requires the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to collect reports of alleged violations of the impermissible law enforcement quota prohibition and to annually report this data to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee. The Bill prohibits political subdivisions or law enforcement agencies from requiring or directing peace officers to meet an impermissible quota, which refers to quotas for citations issued rather than public interactions. Additionally, it prevents law enforcement agencies from transferring, promoting, disciplining, or taking any other action against a peace officer based on an impermissible quota.

After sharing background and experiences illustrating the need for the Bill, the sponsor addressed questions from committee members. Representative Gwynn asked why quotas would still be allowed for grant-funded shifts. The sponsor explained that certain federal grants provide funding for overtime shifts, and he was asked not to jeopardize that funding. Representative Whyte inquired whether any law enforcement agencies currently have quotas based on citizen interactions. The sponsor confirmed that Bountiful and several other cities do, but no law enforcement agencies currently enforce ticket quotas.

Representative Whyte then asked what factors determine the quota for public interactions. Representative Gwynn responded that this is determined by the sergeant on duty for each shift at individual law enforcement agencies. Representative Whyte also asked whether the term "citizen interaction" is explicitly defined in the Bill. The sponsor stated that while it is not specifically defined, the Bill includes requested language addressing this issue. There were no public comments.

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

N/V: 3

Outcome: 4th Substitute SB 243 passed out of the Committee with a favorable recommendation.
