

WA Legislative Update

Seattle Community Police Commission

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HB 1445

- Bill Summary:
 - Authorizes the AG to investigate and bring actions against law enforcement and corrections agencies for violations of the WA Constitution or state law.
 - Requires the AG to confer with the OII and the US Department of Justice.
 - Requires the AG to develop and publish model policies in consultation with various agencies and entities.
- Progress:
 - Passed out of House Appropriations last session.
 - No movement this session.



HB 1579

- Bill Summary:
 - Establishes the Office of Independent Prosecutions, led by an independent counsel, as a separate division within the AG's Office.
 - Provides OIP with jurisdiction concurrent with county prosecuting attorneys to review investigations, and initiate and conduct prosecutions, of cases arising from investigations of deaths conducted by the OII.
- Progress:
 - Passed off the House floor 53-44.
 - Died in Senate Ways & Means.



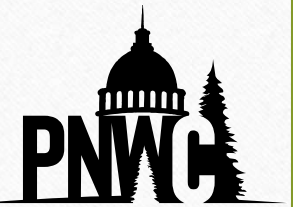
HB 1513

- Bill Summary:
 - Limits officers' use of stops and detentions for non-moving violations as a primary offense, and specifies additional process requirements for traffic stops.
 - Requires written consent before an officer may search a vehicle or passengers.
 - Requires an officer to prepare a detailed report for each stop or detention.
 - Creates a grant program focused on interventions for non-moving violations for low-income road users.
- Progress:
 - Passed out of House Transportation last session.
 - No movement this session.



HB 2086

- Bill Summary:
 - Modifies the OIIs' authority to obtain and share specified information.
 - Adjusts certain reporting dates and deadlines.
- Progress:
 - Passed the House 66-30, passed the Senate 29-20.



HB 2384

- **Bill Summary:**

- Authorizes automated traffic safety cameras to be used to detect speed violations on state routes within city limits that are classified as city streets and in work zones on city streets and county roads.
- Makes permanent the pilot program permitting traffic cameras to be used for certain stopping and restricted lane violations.
- Authorizes certain civilian employees to review infractions detected through the use of local traffic and automated bus safety cameras and to issue notices of infraction.
- Requires that traffic camera infraction penalties for a first violation be reduced to 50% of the penalty for recipients of certain state public assistance programs.
- Establishes a maximum \$145 fine amount for all traffic safety camera violations, as adjusted for inflation every 5 years, and authorizes the doubling of the fine amount for school speed zone infractions.
- Restricts the use of revenue generated by traffic cameras to cities and counties for certain traffic safety activities, with exceptions.

- **Progress:**

- Passed the House 58-39, passed the Senate 26-23.



SB 5424

- Bill Summary:
 - Allows general and limited authority Washington law enforcement agencies to adopt flexible work policies.
 - Removes the requirement that an officer be employed full-time to be a general or limited authority Washington peace officer.
 - Amends the definition of “law enforcement officer” in the Law Enforcement Officers’ and Firefighters’ Retirement System statutes to include, beginning July 1st, 2024, certain officers employed less than full-time.
- Progress:
 - Passed the House 96-0, passed the Senate 48-0.



SB 6009

- Bill Summary:
 - Prohibits peace officers from hog-tying a person or assisting in putting a person into a hog-tie.
 - Provides that hog-tying constitutes the use of excessive force for the purpose of identifiable on-duty police officers' duty to intervene in and report certain conduct.
- Progress:
 - Passed the House 89-7, passed the Senate 49-0.



I-2113

- Initiative Summary:
 - Expands authorization for vehicular pursuits by allowing an officer to conduct a vehicular pursuit where there is reasonable suspicion a person has violated the law.
 - Modifies the risk assessment for engaging in vehicular pursuits by providing that an officer may not engage in a vehicular pursuit unless the person poses a threat to the safety of others and the safety risks of failing to apprehend or identify the person are considered to be greater than the safety risks of the vehicular pursuit under the circumstances.
- Progress:
 - Public hearing on February 28th.
 - Passed the House 77-20, passed the Senate 36-13.



Questions?

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