



Ad Hoc Public Safety Committee Police Reform Legislation Update

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Police Reform Legislation Update

Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Briefing only; no action requested.

Report

Issue:

Whether to receive an update on Police Reform Legislation.

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Presenter(s):

Jay Burney City Manager

Background and Analysis:

Following the 2021 legislative session, several police reform bills were signed into law, two of which have been identified by stakeholders as needing clarification.

- Engrossed Second Senate Substitute House Bill (E2SHB) 1310 the intent of which is “...to address excessive force and discriminatory policing by establishing a requirement for law enforcement and community corrections officers to act with reasonable care when carrying out their duties...”
- Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1054 the intent of which is to establish requirements for tactics and equipment used by peace officers.

In the interim, Representative Goodman has held two meetings, on September 27 and October 25, to meet with stakeholders to discuss concerns and the substance of potential clarifications to the bills for consideration during the upcoming 2022 Legislative Session.

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During this update staff will provide information regarding proposed clarifications for these two bills in the 2022 Legislative Session.

Attachments:

Engrossed Senate Substitute Bill 1054

Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1310