

SSB 5066 - H AMD TO PS COMM AMD (H-1287.2/21) **582**

By Representative Walsh

NOT ADOPTED 04/07/2021

1 On page 1, line 5 of the striking amendment, after "(1)" insert
2 "(a)"

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4 On page 1, after line 12 of the striking amendment, insert the
5 following:

6 "(b) The legislature intends to recognize that a witnessing peace
7 officer, by definition, experiences a different perspective than an
8 officer who is engaged with a person. As such, the witnessing officer
9 may not hear, see, or feel why an engaged officer chooses to act.
10 Nothing in this section may be interpreted to require a witnessing
11 peace officer to intervene against another peace officer unless the
12 actions of the engaged officer are clearly excessive under the
13 circumstances."

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EFFECT: Adds language providing that the Legislature intends to recognize that a witnessing peace officer, by definition, experiences a different perspective than an officer who is engaged with a person, and as such, the witnessing officer may not hear, see, or feel why an engaged officer chooses to act. Provides that the bill may not be interpreted to require a witnessing peace officer to intervene against another peace officer unless the actions of the engaged officer are clearly excessive under the circumstances.

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