

LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEES -- SEPTEMBER 2013

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

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| Bill Title/Subject Matter: | | Multi-agency Strike Force |
| | Legislator(s) –Sponsor: | |
| | Interested Parties: | Ken Wallentine, Chief of Law Enforcement, AG Office |
| | Code Reference: | UCA §67-5-22.7(6) |
| <p>Description: Chief Wallentine presented information on the strike force that was organized to combat violent and other major felony crimes associated with illegal immigration and human trafficking. The Utah Office of the Attorney General is required by Utah Code to report annually on this issue.</p> <p><i>[Action: No action, information only.]</i></p> | | |
| Bill Title/Subject Matter: | | Forfeited Property Report |
| | Legislator(s) –Sponsor: | |
| | Interested Parties: | Doreen Weyland, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice |
| | Code Reference: | UCA § 24-4-117(12) |
| <p>Description: Ms. Weyland provided the statutorily required Federal Sharing report that shows \$1,119,652.64 received by Utah law enforcement agencies during FY 2013; CCJJ is required by Utah Code to report annually on this issue.</p> <p><i>[Action: No action, information only.]</i></p> | | |
| Bill Title/Subject Matter: | | Committee Prioritized Study Items Discussion |
| <p>Description: The following study items were presented to the Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Representative Perry presented on disabled law enforcement officer benefits. Draft legislation will be presented at the November Interim. The Utah Legislature has addressed benefits for state law enforcement, but the proposed legislation will cover county and local law enforcement. 2. Representative Greenwood presented information on the salary disparity between the Utah Highway Patrol and other local law enforcement agencies. 3. Representative Ray presented information on a proposed statewide access system to law enforcement records and indicated there may be draft legislation forthcoming. 4. Representative Ray presented information on Internet sales of nicotine and indicated there may be potential legislation authorizing regulations to be set up to (a) restrict access to minors; and (b) regulate cartridges on e-cigarettes. 5. Representative Ray indicated there will be draft legislation on the criteria to have a person's name removed from the Sex Offender Registry. 6. Senator Weiler presented information from Dr. Brown on gateway pornography and discussed issues surrounding whether legislation can be drafted to address the problem. <p><i>[Action: No action, information only.]</i></p> | | |

Judiciary

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| Bill Title/Subject Matter: | | Court Fees for Political Subdivisions |
| | Legislator(s) –Sponsor: | Sen. Daniel Thatcher |
| | Interested Parties: | Utah League of Cities and Towns |
| | Code Reference: | UCA § |
| <p>Description: Provides that if a defendant substantially prevails on appeal for a violation of an ordinance, there is a rebuttable presumption that the agency or political subdivision shall pay the</p> | | |

defendant's court costs. Provides a benchmark for "substantially prevails if the final judgment: (A) dismisses the charges; or (B) orders the defendant to pay an amount that is 25% or less of the fine or fee sought by the agency or political subdivision."

[Action: No action, information only.]