Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research



Public Safety Committee

HB 2057

Brief Description: Modifying arrest without warrant provisions.

Sponsors: Representatives Hayes, Hurst, Klippert, Holy, Van De Wege and Hope.

Brief Summary of Bill

• Permits a police officer to arrest a person without a warrant when a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor offense is committed in the presence of another officer.

Hearing Date: 1/14/14

Staff: Jenna Zwang (786-7290) and Yvonne Walker (786-7841).

Background:

A police officer may arrest a person without a warrant for committing a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor offense but only when the offense was committed in the presence of the arresting officer except for in certain situations enumerated in statute.

Summary of Bill:

A police officer is authorized to arrest a person without a warrant for committing a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor offense when the offense is committed in the presence of a police officer, though not necessarily the arresting officer.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.

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