

5321-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Costa, Roach, Kline, McCaslin, Long, Hargrove, Thibaudeau, Zarelli, Constantine and Haugen)

Brief Description: Creating a certification process and oversight mechanism for police service dog teams.

SB 5321-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Establishes a certification process and oversight mechanism for police service dog teams.

Declares that a police service dog handler may not use a police service dog for law enforcement purposes unless the handler and dog are certified as a team, except as otherwise provided in this act.

Provides that any dog team provided to assist in law enforcement purposes is exempt from the certification requirement of this act only if: (1) The dog is owned by, and acts under the control of, an agency of the federal government which engages in law enforcement purposes; (2) the team is provided on a temporary basis not exceeding forty-eight hours; and (3) the dog and its handler meet the internal minimum performance standards of the agency of the federal government which owns or controls the dog.

Declares that police service detection dogs are exempt from the certification requirement set forth in this act unless the commission extends the certification requirement to these dogs by rule.

Makes an appropriation of an unspecified amount to carry out the purposes of the act.