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HOUSE BILL 2374

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By Representative Nixon

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1 AN ACT Relating to the duty of sheriffs to develop best practice  
2 standards for law enforcement agencies; and amending RCW 36.28.010.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 36.28.010 and 1965 c 92 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 The sheriff is the chief executive officer and conservator of the  
7 peace of the county. In the execution of his office, he and his  
8 deputies:

9 (1) Shall arrest and commit to prison all persons who break the  
10 peace, or attempt to break it, and all persons guilty of public  
11 offenses;

12 (2) Shall defend the county against those who, by riot or  
13 otherwise, endanger the public peace or safety;

14 (3) Shall execute the process and orders of the courts of justice  
15 or judicial officers, when delivered for that purpose, according to  
16 law;

17 (4) Shall execute all warrants delivered for that purpose by other  
18 public officers, according to the provisions of particular statutes;

1 (5) Shall attend the sessions of the courts of record held within  
2 the county, and obey their lawful orders or directions;

3 (6) Shall keep and preserve the peace in their respective counties,  
4 and quiet and suppress all affrays, riots, unlawful assemblies and  
5 insurrections, for which purpose, and for the service of process in  
6 civil or criminal cases, and in apprehending or securing any person for  
7 felony or breach of the peace, they may call to their aid such persons,  
8 or power of their county as they may deem necessary;

9 (7) Shall review the operations and efficiencies of all law  
10 enforcement agencies within the county, including municipal police  
11 departments, and develop best practice standards for such agencies.

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