FINAL BILL REPORT SSB 6301

Brief Description: Concerning basic law enforcement academy.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Lovick, Dhingra, Boehnke, Hunt, Kuderer, Lovelett, MacEwen, Mullet, Padden, Shewmake, Warnick and Wilson, J.).

Senate Committee on Ways & Means House Committee on Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry

Background: <u>Criminal Justice Training Commission.</u> The Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) establishes the standards and process to certify peace officers and other law enforcement personnel. It also provides training and educational programs including the Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) and specialized trainings.

<u>Law Enforcement Training.</u> The CJTC has sole authority to provide basic law enforcement training to all peace officers. All peace officers must complete basic law enforcement training within a certain time period following employment, ranging from 6 to 15 months.

Successful completion of training is a mandatory requirement for continued employment.

<u>Grants, Funds, or Gifts.</u> The CJTC is authorized to accept, receive, disburse, and administer grants or other funds or gifts from any source, including private individuals or agencies, the federal government, and other public agencies.

Summary: Allows acceptance of money or property that is donated, devised, or bequeathed to CJTC that would go towards the statutory obligations of the CJTC. The CJTC may determine the value of the donation and must coordinate the donations with any grant applications or other sources of funding or gifts.

Prohibits the CJTC from considering any input on the CJTC's policy decisions or curricula from any person who has donated, devised, or bequeathed property to the CJTC.

The CJTC, when feasible, shall coordinate monies or donations with any grant applications or any other sources of funding or gifts.

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Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 48 0 House 90 6 (House amended) Senate 49 0 (Senate concurred)

Effective: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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