

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/20/15

Action: Without Recommendation As To Passage, Refer To Ways And Means By
Prior Reference.

Meeting Dates: 04/20

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Barker, Barton, Greenlick, Krieger, Lininger, Olson, Post, Sprenger, Williamson

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to provide students with opportunity to explore careers in and become familiar with law enforcement. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2015.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Recent public safety debates
- Differences between stakeholders
- Bill's aim to help bridge divide
- Conversations with Department of Public Safety Standards and Training
- Desire to expose kids from all communities to positive experiences with law enforcement
- Proactive, long-term solution
- Community policing improvements
- Examples of existing "cop camps" for kids

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3408 provides an additional \$100,000 out of the General Fund for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015 to the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training for the purpose of providing fifth and sixth grade students the opportunity to explore careers in law enforcement. The funds are additionally intended to make students familiar with the multiple aspects of law enforcement, including deductive investigations, forensic sciences, criminal law, interactions with community-based organizations and other skills crucial for law enforcement. House Bill 3408 declares an emergency and is effective July 1, 2015.