

Reform and Accountability in the House DFL Public Safety Budget

Promotes dignity and respect

Redefines public safety to emphasize the need to protect human rights and to ensure that each agency will carry out their responsibilities in such a way that will promote dignity and respect. (HF 2433)

Enhances community oversight

Allows local units of government the ability to establish civilian oversight councils for local law enforcement departments. (HF 640)

Updates training to best practices

Recognizes the impact of police violence on a community by enhancing training designed to reflect the needs of the Minnesotans and best practices in policing and requires the development of new model policies regarding response to public assembly, sex trafficking, and the use of body-worn cameras.

Partners with the community

Provides ongoing funding to community organizations working to prevent crime in their communities, as well as addressing the need for community healing after a traumatic event.

Improves officer accountability

Strengthens the police officer misconduct database to build a more effective early warning intervention system to keep bad officers off the streets. (HF 1374)

Restricts no-knock warrants

Imposes new regulations on the use of no-knock warrants by law enforcement, requiring a warrant to have more detailed information about why the method is necessary. (HF 1762)

Prevents unnecessary traffic stops

Limits the low-level violations that law enforcement can use to stop motorists.

Expands mental health training

Expansion of law enforcement training on dementia and Alzheimer's Disease to help peace officers recognize indicators and respond effectively and appropriately. (HF 28)

Prohibits altering body-cam video

Strengthening of body-worn camera policies to prohibit the altering, erasing or destroying recordings and withholding body camera recordings of incidents involving the use of deadly force from the victim's family. (HF 1103)

Protects the First Amendment

Recognizes Minnesotans' First Amendment rights by requiring the POST Board to develop and distribute a comprehensive model policy on responding to public assemblies. (HF 445)

Roots out hate groups

Prevents infiltration of law enforcement by white supremacy groups by prohibiting peace officers from affiliating with such hateful, and often violent organizations. (HF 593)

Emphasizes de-escalation

Encourages the de-escalation of tense situations by directing 911 operators to refer calls involving a mental health crisis to mental health crisis teams when appropriate. (HF 1686)

Strengthens compliance reviews

Strengthens compliance reviews of state and local law enforcement agencies to ensure they are following all accountability laws and regulations including evaluating training, complaint investigations, and conduct of officers to determine if it adversely affects public respect and trust in law enforcement. (HF 445)

Gives victims more time to seek justice

Eliminates the civil statute of limitations in cases involving an alleged sexual assault by a peace officer or an alleged act by a peace officer that results in a wrongful death. (HF 717)

