

SB 209

Measure Title:

RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Report Title:

Public Safety; Deputy Director

Description:

Requires the deputy director for law enforcement within the department of public safety to be a graduate of a law enforcement academy or a law school; provided that the requirement shall not be applied retroactively to persons appointed prior to July 1, 2009.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 209
RELATING TO PUBLIC SAFETY

by
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Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Robert Bunda, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 3, 2009; 1:15PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Senator Espero, Senator Bunda, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety opposes Senate Bill 209. This bill narrows the pool of talent from which to choose the Deputy Director of Law Enforcement, limiting the ability of the Director of Public Safety to appoint a candidate who would be the most appropriate for the position in question. It is critical for the successful operation of any department that the leaders and administrators work together as a unit. Therefore it is critical that the Director of Public Safety have the opportunity and the capacity to select those administrators that will work well within the current system. For this reason, the Department of Public Safety opposes Senate Bill 209.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.