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Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 03, 2021

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

This bill acknowledges the insular culture of police departments, the aggressive defense of police officers and resistance to change in police unions, and the broad legal protections granted to police officers. This bill will require law enforcement agencies to maintain records regarding officer discipline and create a public data base of law enforcement officer misconduct. The intended effect of this bill is to encourage transparency and accountability in community policing.

Principal Introducer:	
-	Senator Terrell McKinney