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## WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

January 4-10

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### **Legislative Visits:**

#### House of Representatives:

- Derek Stanford
- Bill Hinkle
- Kevin Van De Wege
- Hans Dunshee
- Vincent Buys
- Christine Rolfes
- Ed Orcutt
- Paul Harris

#### Senate:

- Bob Morton
- Val Stevens
- Dan Swecker
- Pam Roach
- Mike Carroll

### **Hearings:**

- Senate Judiciary on Mandatory 12 hour Impoundments for DUI's.
- Governor's Consolidation Proposal in House

### **Overview:**

The Romans used to say before the opening ceremonies at the Coliseum "Let the Games Begin". The focus of leadership is on the budget but everyone else seems to be hell bent on holding as many hearings and workshops as possible to keep themselves and their staff's busy even though the vast majority of the proposed legislation will never survive. However, the bills listed below I will be working to make sure continue through the process. I will be working with our partners in the coming weeks to keep you informed regarding bill introductions that we may not be expecting. In future weeks I will have LEGI TRAC enabled so I can provide more detail. If you have ideas about how I can improve these weekly updates please don't hesitate to call.



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I am tracking the following two budget bills (1086 and 1087) to watch for any proposed changes that could negatively impact FOP. In addition to the budget bills there are a number of high priority bills that I am following closely.

- 1126 Concerning criminal street gangs
- 5056 Concerning bail and pretrial release practices
- 5094 Making 2011-2013 operating appropriations (companion to 1087)
- 5095 Making 2011 supplemental operating appropriations (companion to 1086)

These are all bills that we should be supporting unless I hear differently from the board because the rest of law enforcement is supporting each of these proposed bills.

There are also a number of other bills that are being supported by our partners in law enforcement.

- 1016 Changing restrictions on firearm suppressors
- 1017 Mandating a 12 hour impoundment on motor vehicles used by persons arrested for DUI
- 1034 Making requests by or on behalf of an inmate under the public records act ineligible for penalties.
- 1194 Bail for felony offenses
- 1206 Criminal Justice participants
- 5000 Companion to 1017
- 5006 Concerning the issuance of drivers' licenses, permits, and indenticards to persons who are not lawfully within the US
- 5007 Making an exemption regarding the public inspection and copying of voter registration information of criminal justice agency employees
- 1001 Placing restrictions on pro se defendants when questioning witnesses
- 1041 Including correctional employees who have completed government sponsored law enforcement firearms training to the lists of law enforcement personnel that are exempt from certain firearm restrictions.
- 5025 Concerning making requests by or on behalf of an inmate under the public records act ineligible for penalties.