

Multi-Agency Joint Strike Force Modifications

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill addresses the multi-agency strike force.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- adds metal theft to the list of criminal activity addressed by the multi-agency joint strike force operated by the Office of the Attorney General and Department of Public Safety;

- removes the requirement that the joint strike force's annual report include data on catalytic converter thefts and arrests; and

- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:**AMENDS:**

67-5-37, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 201

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **67-5-37** is amended to read:

67-5-37 . Multi-agency joint strike force -- Joint Organized Retail Crime Unit.

(1) The Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Public Safety shall create and coordinate the operation of a multi-agency joint strike force to combat criminal activity that may have a negative impact on the state's economy.

(2) The attorney general and the Department of Public Safety shall invite federal, state, and local law enforcement personnel to participate in the joint strike force to more effectively utilize their combined skills, expertise, and resources.

(3) The joint strike force shall focus the joint strike force's efforts on detecting,

investigating, deterring, and eradicating criminal activity, described in Subsection (1), within the state, including:

(a) organized retail crime[;] ;

(b) antitrust violations[;] ;

(c) intellectual property rights violations[;] ;

(d) gambling[;] ;

(e) metal theft, including the theft of an item for the item's scrap or resale metal value;

and

(f) the purchase of stolen goods for the purpose of reselling the stolen goods for profit.

(4) In conjunction with the joint strike force, the Office of the Attorney General and the Department of Public Safety shall establish the Joint Organized Retail Crime Unit for the purpose of:

(a) investigating, apprehending, and prosecuting individuals or entities that participate in the purchase, sale, or distribution of stolen property; and

(b) targeting individuals or entities that commit theft and other property crimes for financial gain.

(5)[(a)] The joint strike force shall provide an annual report to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee before December 1 that describes the joint strike force's activities and any recommendations for modifications to this section.

~~[(b) The report described in Subsection (5)(a) shall include the number of catalytic converter thefts and arrests in Utah for the preceding calendar year, if reasonably available.]~~

Section 2. **Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.