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Mr. Speaker:

The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee recommends **H.B. 275**, OFFENSE AGAINST PEACE OFFICERS, by Representative C. Oda, be replaced and reports a favorable recommendation on **1st Sub. H.B. 275**, OFFENSE AGAINST PEACE OFFICERS with the following amendments:

- 1. Page 1, Lines 15 through 16:
 - 15 { provides that a person who assaults a peace officer after the person has been stopped
 - 16 for questioning is guilty of a third degree felony; and
- 2. Page 1, Line 24 through Page 2, Line 26:
 - 24 AMENDS:
 - 25 76-5-101, as last amended by Chapter 171, Laws of Utah 2003
 - 26 76-5-102.4, as last amended by Chapter 172, Laws of Utah 1998}
- 3. Page 2, Lines 30 through 54:
 - 30 { Section 1. Section 76-5-101 is amended to read:
 - 31 **76-5-101.** "Prisoner" defined.
 - 32 [For purposes of] As used in this part, "prisoner" means any person who is:
 - 33 (1) in custody of a peace officer pursuant to a lawful arrest [or who is];
 - 34 (2) lawfully detained pursuant to Section 77-7-15; or
 - 35 <u>(3)</u> confined in a jail or other penal institution or a facility used for confinement of
 - 36 delinquent juveniles and that is operated by the Division of Juvenile Justice Services,
 - 37 regardless of whether the confinement is legal.
 - 38 Section 2. Section 76-5-102.4 is amended to read:
 - 39 76-5-102.4. Assault against peace officer -- Penalty.
 - 40 (1) Any person who assaults a peace officer, with knowledge that he is a peace officer,







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- 41 and when the peace officer:
- 42 <u>(a)</u> is acting within the scope of his authority as a peace officer, is guilty of a class A
- 43 misdemeanor; and
- 44 <u>(b) is acting within the scope of his authority as a peace officer to stop and question the</u>
- 45 person pursuant to Section 77-7-15, is guilty of a third degree felony.
- 46 (2) A person who violates this section shall serve, in jail or another correctional
- 47 facility, a minimum of:
- 48 (a) 90 consecutive days for a second offense; and
- 49 (b) 180 consecutive days for each subsequent offense.
- 50 (3) The court may suspend the imposition or execution of the sentence required under
- 51 Subsection (2) if the court:
- 52 (a) finds that the interests of justice would be best served; and
- 53 <u>(b)</u> makes specific findings concerning the disposition in writing or on the record.}
- Section $\{ \frac{3}{3} \}$ is amended to read:
- 4. Page 3, Line 57:
 - 57 (1) Any prisoner <u>or person detained pursuant to Section 77-7-15</u> who throws or otherwise propels any substance or object at a peace or

Respectfully,

DeMar "Bud" Bowman Committee Chair

Voting: 9-0-2

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