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Good morning Chair Lalonde,

Regarding my testimony this morning I want to point out the challenges I see to the latest version. The definition of law enforcement agency is appropriate and consistent with statute but does not encompass federal officers or agencies, the intent I think this bill is trying to address.

The definition of law enforcement officer does in fact include federal officers, though the VCJC does not regulate federal law enforcement officers, so a policy owned by us would not hold federal officers accountable.

If VCJC were to hold a policy, and it regulated agencies statewide, violations of such a policy would fall under Act 56 category B violations per statute. I might also mention that the VCJC does not have a policy position so this work would fall to our General Counsel to draft in cooperation with others. The addition of a carve out for an officer to be held accountable if their agency has a written policy that is consistent with the requirements, and it is publicly posted, would create compliance check issues for the VCJC to monitor given our compliance is done by our Director of Administration along with our investigator to rule out Act 56 violations.

Overall I think the LEAB is the appropriate body to address a policy that has the correct amount of stakeholders to weigh in on this effort, that will likely only impact Vermont law enforcement officers, if the committee feels this matter is truly a problem with Vermont law enforcement officers or agencies. I apologize for any potential spelling errors as I am currently out of state and responding from a mobile device.

Respectfully,  
Christopher Brickell

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