

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 66

Introduced by Assembly Member Weber

December 17, 2014

An act relating to peace officers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 66, as introduced, Weber. Peace officers: cameras.

Existing law makes it a crime to intentionally record a confidential communication without the consent of all parties to the communication. Existing law exempts specified peace officers from that provision if they are acting within the scope of their authority.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require local police departments that utilize police body-worn cameras to follow policies and procedures that will streamline best practices to better enhance the quality of the services that those departments provide to Californians. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to create a task force to study the effectiveness of body-worn cameras and make policy recommendations. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that best fits the recommendations of this task force.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation to require local police departments that utilize police
- 3 body-worn cameras to follow policies and procedures that will

1 streamline best practices to better enhance the quality of the
2 services that those departments provide to Californians.
3 (b) It is further the intent of the legislature to enact legislation
4 to create a task force to study the effectiveness of body-worn
5 cameras for peace officers, and for this task force to create a
6 comprehensive policy and best practices manual to be used by
7 state and local law enforcement agencies. It is further the intent
8 of the legislature to enact legislation that best fits the
9 recommendations of this task force.