## One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

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Chairperson:	Senator	Brad	Ashford
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**Committee: Judiciary** 

**Date of Hearing:** 

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Currently, the act of disarming an officer is addressed by charges like resisting arrest or obstruction of an officer, both of which are misdemeanor charges. A misdemeanor charge is not appropriate for this level of threat to an officer. Under this bill, intentionally or knowingly disarming an officer while in the performance of his or her duties will be a Class III felony offense.

Principal Introducer:		
	Senator Colby Coash	