

## 2 police reform bills advance to House vote, 1 fails

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SALT LAKE CITY (KUTV) — Two bills dealing with police reform in Utah passed a House committee Monday afternoon, while a third bill failed to advance.

House Bill 84 and House Bill 162, both sponsored by Rep. Angela Romero (D-Salt Lake City), move on now to the full House of Representatives.

H.B. 84 would require law enforcement agencies to report data regarding use-of-force incidents to the Bureau of Criminal Identification. H.B. 162 would require part of officers' annual training hours to include a focus on "mental health and other crisis intervention responses, arrest control, and de-escalation training." Both bills passed unanimously.

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"These bills have been in the works since the summer working with community, working with law enforcement, and working with the executive branch and the legislative branch," Romero told 2News in an interview following the committee hearing. "We wanted to come up with something that we could all agree on. And some people won't think that they go far enough, but others will say, well, why are you doing it? And so this is just about transparency for me."

Meanwhile, [House Bill 62](#), sponsored by Rep. Andrew Stoddard (D-Midvale) failed to move forward on a vote of 5 to 5. The bill would have expanded the reasons why a police officer could be suspended or lose his certification by POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training). Those reasons included dishonesty or deception, violating a department's use-of-force policy, and being under a federal investigation for prejudicial conduct against protected classes.

The bill attracted support from groups such as the Salt Lake District Attorney's Office and the ACLU of Utah. But [Rep. Matthew Gwynn](#) (R-Farr West) — who works in law enforcement — said the bill was too broad, and he expressed concerns about basing investigations of officers on the varying use of force policies between departments.

***Officers don't want bad officers working in their departments, and I have no problem with holding officers accountable," said Gwynn. "I just think this bill was a little too vague and went a little too far, and we're going to work together to get some language that is going to be amenable to both of us."***

In the end, four other Republican lawmakers joined Gwynn in voting against the bill.