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Vote Explanation
SB 1604

This is the sixth time since 2019 that I voted for SB 1604 (the measure was assigned different bill numbers in previous sessions). The bill limits an arbitrator from overturning a discipline sanction imposed upon an officer. It is important for lawful sanctions to not be arbitrarily overturned so those can serve to hold officers accountable for misconduct.

This bill was passed by the Senate Judiciary Committee and the full Senate unanimously in 2019 and 2020, but became caught up in political “horse trading” in the House of Representatives in 2019 and it couldn’t be voted on in the House in 2020 due to the Republican walkout that forced the session to conclude before its scheduled adjournment. I expect that the Governor will sign the bill when it reaches her desk.

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