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S.F. No. 2892 – Portable Recording Systems (Body Worn Cameras)

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The bill appropriates \$5 million in FY23 from the general fund to the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board to provide grants to local law enforcement agencies for body worn cameras. The grants require a 50 percent local match, and are for purchase, maintenance, and support of the recording systems and the system data. The appropriation is available until June 30th, 2025.

According to the 2021 Department of Public Safety budget request for body cameras, the cameras themselves cost approximately \$700. This one-time cost is accompanied by an annual ongoing license fee of approximately \$2,030 for each camera. Other costs include docking stations and training. Using DPS estimates, each camera with its attendant costs would total \$8,070 over three years.

Extrapolating from the DPS request, a \$5 million appropriation with an additional \$5 million local match will purchase, license, and maintain approximately 1,240 body cameras for three years.

Up to 3.5 percent of the appropriation may be used for administration and monitoring of the program.