
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6009

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By Senate Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Trudeau, Lovick, Frame, Hasegawa, Nguyen, Nobles, Saldaña, Stanford, Valdez, Wellman, and C. Wilson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to prohibiting the use of hog-tying; adding a new
2 section to chapter 10.116 RCW; creating a new section; and declaring
3 an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds it is imperative
6 that our criminal justice systems, including the law enforcement
7 profession, must secure public trust and ensure accountability. In
8 order to do so, the legislature finds that it is important to
9 discontinue practices and tactics that dehumanize and create
10 unnecessary risk of harm and/or death to the people they serve.
11 Additionally, it is important that law enforcement is using up-to-
12 date tactics that come with adequate training from the criminal
13 justice training commission to ensure continuity and oversight in the
14 standards applied across the profession. This includes tactics that
15 comply with the model use of force policies put forward by our
16 state's attorney general.

17 The legislature finds that, in the quest to ensure that all
18 communities are and feel safe, it is important to take guidance from
19 published model policies, comport with statewide standards and
20 training on restraint tactics, and prohibit hog-tying and other

1 similar tactics that are inhumane, outdated, and have led to the
2 unnecessary loss of human life.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 10.116
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) A peace officer is prohibited from:

6 (a) Hog-tying a person; or

7 (b) Assisting in putting a person into a hog-tie.

8 (2) Hog-tying shall constitute the use of excessive force for the
9 purposes of RCW 10.93.190.

10 (3) For purposes of this section, "hog-tie" or "hog-tying" means
11 maximum prone restraint with knees flexed and wrists handcuffed
12 behind the back and secured to bound ankles. "Hog-tie" or "hog-tying"
13 does not include the following:

14 (a) Use of transport chains or waist chains to transport
15 prisoners; or

16 (b) Use of a product or device that does not require the person's
17 knees to be flexed while their wrists are handcuffed behind the back
18 and secured to bound ankles.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of
21 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes
22 effect immediately.

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