

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1 similar tactics that are inhumane, outdated, and have led to the  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 connecting a hobble restraint to handcuffs or other types of  
12 restraints.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
14 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
15 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
16 effect immediately.

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