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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; and creating a new section.

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

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

16 The legislature finds that, in the quest to ensure that all
17 communities are and feel safe, it is important to take guidance from
18 published model policies, comport with statewide standards and
19 training on restraint tactics, and prohibit hog-tying and other
20 similar tactics that are inhumane, outdated, and have led to the
21 unnecessary loss of human life.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 10.116
2 RCW to read as follows:
3 (1) A peace officer is prohibited from:
4 (a) Hog-tying a person; or
5 (b) Assisting in putting a person into a hog-tie.
6 (2) Hog-tying shall constitute the use of excessive force for the
7 purposes of RCW 10.93.190.
8 (3) For purposes of this section, "hog-tie" or "hog-tying" means
9 fastening together bound or restrained ankles to bound or restrained
10 wrists. "Hog-tie" or "hog-tying" does not include the following:
11 (a) Use of transport chains or waist chains to transport
12 prisoners; or
13 (b) Use of a product or device that does not require bound or
14 restrained ankles to be fastened together to bound or restrained
15 wrists.

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