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Members of the House of Representatives
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 2513 A

Members of the Oregon House:



From the Desk of
Representative Dacia
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The Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium (MMC) represents the mayors of twenty-five cities in the Portland Metro Area, collectively home to over 1.7 million Oregonians. The MMC writes to you today in support of HB 2513 A, which takes a small but important step forward in training community and safety officers around the restraint and positioning of people in custody.

House Bill 2513 A comes from the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Equitable Policing, where it passed with unanimous support. The concept was proposed to the Legislature by one of our members, Mayor Jason Snider of the City of Tigard. As a former Tigard Reserve Police Officer and a licensed Paramedic for 25 years, Mayor Snider has had hundreds of experiences transporting and caring for patients who were in police custody. Following the murder of George Floyd, Mayor Snider reflected on these experiences and realized that he could not recall a single instance in which he didn't have to ask law enforcement personnel to reposition a patient or adjust their restraints so that he could better manage and assess the patient's airway—a top priority for all paramedics and health care providers.

Stemming from these experiences, House Bill 2513 A creates a defined pathway for officers to be trained in a skill that gives them the knowledge of what could go wrong, how to identify when something is going wrong, and how to correct it when restraining and positioning an individual in custody. The bill adds training in airway and circulatory anatomy and physiology and certification in adult and child CPR to the basic police training program, and it requires DPSST to ensure that police officers receive at least two hours per year of continuing education in circulatory anatomy and physiology and CPR certification.

In health care, no one is allowed to perform a skill unless they know everything that could go wrong, how to identify when it is going wrong, and how to correct it. We should use the same approach in training our peace officers. The safety of people in police custody is the government's responsibility, which means that Oregon peace officers need to be equipped with the knowledge and experience to safely restrain and position people in custody. Please support HB 2513 A to achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

The Mayors of the MMC