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Oregon House Advances Legislation Requiring CPR, Airway and Circulatory Anatomy Training for Police

House Bill 2513 would also require police to contact emergency medical services immediately if necessary, for restrained persons

SALEM, OR—This morning, the Oregon House passed legislation requiring police officers to not only be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), but to receive training on airway and circulatory anatomy and physiology as well, and to immediately contact emergency medical services if a restrained person is suffering a respiratory or cardiac compromise.

[House Bill 2513](#), which passed with unanimous support, comes in the wake of multiple high-profile cases where people, particularly Black people, died of cardiac or respiratory failure while in police custody. The death of George Floyd in May of 2020 under such circumstances was one of the inciting events for protests across the country.

This bill was brought forward by [Representative Dacia Grayber](#) (D-Tigard) in collaboration with Tigard Mayor Jason Snider. “Our shared experiences as paramedics and mutual desire to foster healing and build trust in our community services is the very best of local and state politics working together,” said Grayber. “House Bill 2513 will give our officers life-saving training, while also holding them responsible and accountable for the health and safety of the community members they are entrusted to serve.”

“We need to give officers the tools to focus on preserving public health and safety,” said Grayber. “Let’s ensure that when officers are using hold or detain techniques, they are able to successfully assess and recognize if a restrained person is suffering a medical compromise and act quickly to improve outcomes. By requiring this training, and by creating a duty to intervene, this legislation will save lives.”

HB 2513 now moves to the Senate for consideration.

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