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ROSARIO HAILS HOUSE PASSAGE OF BILL TO HELP RESTORE PUBLIC TRUST IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

State Rep. Christopher Rosario (D-Bridgeport) lauded passage of a bill that will allow cities and towns, including Bridgeport, to tap into a \$9 million reserve of state funding to purchase body cameras and dashboard cameras for police cruisers.

[House Bill 7308](#) would establish a task force to review the use of police body cameras and expands access to funding for its purchase. Additionally, it will allow the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to administer a grant program available to municipalities to reimburse municipalities for costs associated with purchasing equipment.

“This measure has been one of the top priorities of the Black and Puerto Rican caucus and I am extremely pleased that the House of Representatives voted to move this bill forward,” said Rep. Rosario, who chairs the Caucus. “Body cameras can be a critical resource for law enforcement as we grapple with restoring trust between police and the public.”

The legislation was approved in the House of Representatives with a 148-1 vote, and now heads to the Senate for consideration.

Rep. Rosario noted, “I am a believer of transparency and having an open process when dealing with complaints or, as we have seen recently, incidents involving fatalities. Recordings will not help resolve all the cases, but will help shed light into investigations. It is a win-win for police enforcement and the public.”

The regular legislative session adjourns June 7.

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