
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT
A CURRICULUM IN HAWAII PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT TEACHES STUDENTS
TO PERFORM CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND TO IDENTIFY
SYMPTOMS OF A STROKE.

1 WHEREAS, of the four hundred thousand people who suffer an
2 out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in the United States each year,
3 only six percent survive the episode; and
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5 WHEREAS, out-of-hospital cardiac arrest is one of the
6 leading causes of death in Hawaii; and
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8 WHEREAS, every year, Hawaii emergency medical services
9 teams treat nearly one thousand one hundred cases of out-of-
10 hospital cardiac arrest, with only nine percent of these victims
11 surviving; and
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13 WHEREAS, the American Heart Association's cardiopulmonary
14 resuscitation guidelines state that in studies of out-of-
15 hospital cardiac arrest, adults who received cardiopulmonary
16 resuscitation from a bystander were more likely to survive than
17 those who did not receive any type of cardiopulmonary
18 resuscitation; and
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20 WHEREAS, cities that have increased training for
21 cardiopulmonary resuscitation have seen cardiac arrest survival
22 rates reach up to sixty percent; and
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24 WHEREAS, thirty-nine states and the District of Columbia
25 have passed legislation requiring cardiopulmonary resuscitation
26 training as a high school graduation requirement and at least
27 seventy-five percent of public high school students in the
28 United States that are graduating this year will have learned
29 lifesaving cardiopulmonary resuscitation in their schools; and



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WHEREAS, the Department of Education has purchased cardiopulmonary resuscitation mannequins and training materials for use by high school health class instructors; and

WHEREAS, seventy percent of Hawaii residents feel helpless to act during a cardiac arrest emergency because they do not know how to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and

WHEREAS, cardiopulmonary resuscitation training can be completed in a single thirty-minute session; and

WHEREAS, strokes are the fifth-leading cause of death in the United States and a major cause of severe, lifelong disability; and

WHEREAS, strokes account for one out of every twenty deaths in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, someone in the United States dies from a stroke every four minutes; and

WHEREAS, learning the warning signs of a stroke is essential to minimizing the consequences of this potentially life-threatening event; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education is requested to design and implement a curriculum in Hawaii public schools that teaches students to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and to identify symptoms of a stroke; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
3 Board of Education and the Superintendent of Education.
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