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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REPORT ON CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION INSTRUCTION BEING OFFERED THROUGH STATE DEPARTMENTS.

WHEREAS, of the four hundred thousand people who suffer an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in the United States each year, only six percent survive the episode; and

WHEREAS, out-of-hospital cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, every year, Hawaii emergency medical services teams treat nearly one thousand one hundred cases of out-ofhospital cardiac arrest, with only nine percent of these victims surviving; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association's cardiopulmonary resuscitation guidelines state that in studies of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, adults who received cardiopulmonary resuscitation from a bystander were more likely to survive than those who did not receive any type of cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and

WHEREAS, cities that have increased training for cardiopulmonary resuscitation have seen cardiac arrest survival rates reach up to sixty percent; and

WHEREAS, seventy percent of Hawaii residents reported feeling 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; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Health is requested to report on cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction being offered through state departments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is requested to further identify the following:

(1) How often cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction is offered:

(2) With whom does the State contract for cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction;

(3) The minimum requirements of participants for cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction; and

(4) Whether cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction can be offered or made available to students at public schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.

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