
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE STATE TO EXAMINE REQUIRING AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
DEFIBRILLATORS IN ALL STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS AND PURSUE
EXISTING AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, an automated external defibrillator (AED) is a
2 portable device that can be used to treat a person whose heart
3 has suddenly gone into cardiac arrest; and
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5 WHEREAS, specifically, AEDs automatically analyze the heart
6 rhythm in people who are experiencing cardiac arrest and are
7 able to deliver electrical shock to the heart to restore its
8 normal rhythm; and
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10 WHEREAS, however, probability of survival decreases by
11 seven percent to ten percent for every minute that a victim
12 stays in a life-threatening arrhythmia; and
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14 WHEREAS, in concurrence with increasing public access to
15 AEDs, classes and trainings are essential to supporting
16 successful defibrillation; and
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18 WHEREAS, while major organizations such as the University
19 of Hawaii and American Heart Association offer first aid
20 training that includes AED education, the State does not have
21 any existing AED legislatively mandated educational programs;
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24 WHEREAS, expanding access to AEDs and AED training programs
25 will support local community health and save lives throughout
26 the State; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2026, that the State is encouraged to examine requiring
31 automated external defibrillators in all state-owned buildings
32 and pursue existing automated external defibrillator programs;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health and
3 Comptroller.
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OFFERED BY: *Irish LaChice*
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