

**SB-2087-SD-2**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Blayne	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Legislators:

I am writing in support of S.B. No 2087 S.D.2 with the following caveats: 1). Requesting that "vicariously" on page 6, line 2 be deleted as referenced; and 2) Requesting the reinsertion of the paragraph on page 5, lines 7-11 as earlier referenced in SB. No. 2087 S.D.1.

As a concerned individual and a Lion servant leader for the past 20 years, I firmly believe that the intent of this Bill will allow for good Samaritans and property owners to actively engage in actions that would significantly and positively impact the outcomes of distressed swimmers in life threatening situations. As a community service advocate desiring to make a difference in our communities, I see no greater need than to potentially saving a life of a fellow human being. The language in this Bill, with the above modifications, will be immeasurably contributing to that end.

Thank you very much for your kind attention on a matter of extreme importance.

Sincerely,

Lion Blayne Hanagami

District Governor

District 50 Hawaii Lions

**Testimony Supporting S.B. 2087, SD2**  
**RELATING TO EMERGENCY RESCUE DEVICES.**

Amends the Good Samaritan Law to provide liability exemptions for owners of premises where automated external defibrillators and rescue tubes are located. Provides liability exemptions for rescuers who attempt to rescue a person with a rescue tube.

Date: Thursday, March 13, 2018

Time: 9:45a.m.

Place: Conference Room 312

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

**Disclosure:** Owner and President of AED Institute, Hawaii's leading distributor of AEDs, responsible for managing more than 500 clients with more than 3,000 Hawaii based AEDs, and the current contractor for Department of Transportation, Airport Division, Harbor Division, City and County of Honolulu, County of Kauai Fire and Police plus many others.

**To:** Chair Kaniela Ing, Vice Chair Lynn DeCoite, and House Committee members on Ocean, Marine Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs

For the last fourteen years my company has focused on implementing AED Programs across the state of Hawaii. In 2007, legislators improved the Good Samaritan Law to limit the liability of any rescuer who was called into action in an unexpected moment to save another person's life. This legislation was introduced after three lives were saved in 45 days within the newly established Airport AED Program. Bystanders took fast action utilizing the recently installed AEDs within the airports. Survival rates quickly escalated from a 0% survival rate to a 100% survival rate.

Today, eleven years later, there have been fifty-two cardiac arrests within our airports, thirty-two of these victims have arrived at the hospital with a pulse leading to a 61% survival rate compared to a 10-12% within our community. These successful numbers are because Good Samaritans within our airports took action by starting CPR and utilizing AEDs and did not wait for the professionals to arrive. Today we know waiting for the professionals is not acceptable, action to save these victim's lives needs to occur immediately and without hesitation.

Per a new law starting January 1, 2018 every City and County of Honolulu owned or operated building must have publicly accessible AEDs and every new building with 50 or more

people must install AEDs on every floor. This law will save more lives within our community but only if our citizens have no fear of liability or hurting someone.

AEDs are easy to use with or without training. The devices emit simple verbal prompts for even an untrained rescuer. You cannot hurt anyone with an AED. If there is a problem within the AED it will beep or chirp for several days to alert an owner of an issue. Manufacturers recommend that AEDs be inspected periodically for readiness. These simple steps are well described in the owner's manuals of each AED. As long as the AEDs are inspected routinely, the manufacturer offers full indemnification to the end-user should the AED fail to work as intended.

Yes, AEDs and rescue tubes need to be maintained and ready for use at all times but even more important is to ensure that our citizens have no fear of liability when attempting to save a victim in need. Our citizens are not paid professional responders, they may train for this type of an event a couple times in their lifetime. Things happen, and if a law is in place that protects these potential Good Samaritans from liability in an emergency situation, their prompt actions will help to save lives.

An American Heart Association AED study released yesterday showed results of: (study attached to this testimony) <https://www.news-medical.net/news/20180227/Survival-of-cardiac-arrest-victims-improves-when-bystanders-use-AED-shock-therapy.aspx>

- Bystanders used an AED in 18.8 percent of these cases.
- Cardiac arrest victims who received a shock from a publicly-available AED had far greater chances of survival and being discharged from the hospital than those who did not; 66.5 percent versus 43 percent.
- Cardiac arrest victims who received a shock from a publicly-available AED that was administered by a bystander had 2.62 times higher odds of survival to hospital discharge and 2.73 times more favorable outcomes for functioning compared to victims who first received an AED shock after emergency responders arrived.
- Victims who received an AED shock from a bystander (57.1 percent) using a publicly-available device instead of having to wait for emergency responders (32.7 percent) had near normal function and better outcomes.

- Without a bystander using AED shock therapy, 70 percent of cardiac arrest patients either died or survived with impaired brain function.

As a nurse I have a mission and a passion to save lives too young to be lost. As legislators, I urge you to ensure that the language in this bill, increases access to emergency equipment yet decreases any fear of responding to an emergency, whether using a rescue tube, an AED, or any other emergency device so that every Hawaii resident feels confident that they can do the right thing in a moment of crisis. With more life-saving equipment available in our community, more lives will be saved.

Thank you very much,

*Pamela Foster, RN*

Pamela Foster, RN  
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**SB-2087-SD-2**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Branch Lotspeich	Rescue Tube Foundation	Support	No

Comments:

Branch Lotspeich  
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March 11, 2018

To: Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs Committee, Chair Ing and Vice-Chair DeCoite

Re: Hearing on 3/13/18, 9:45 AM

**Testimony in strong favor of SB 2087 SD2 with amendments**

Dear Chair Ing, Vice-Chair DeCoite and members of the OMH Committee:

As the Executive Director of the Rescue Tube Foundation incorporated 8 years ago here in Hawaii, I have been privileged to know first hand the lifesaving successes of public Rescue Tubes in Hawaii. As a Rotarian I have been involved in an effort to give away 50 AEDs on the island of Kauai.

**I am writing to give my strong support for the passage of SB 2087 SD2 with suggested amendments.**

This bill has two separate components; one providing liability protection to property owners that install Rescue Tube Stations or AEDs on their property and the other to provide liability protection to the heroes of our community that choose to use a Rescue Tube to save the life of a swimmer in distress.

## **AEDs**

1. protection for a Good Samaritan who uses an AED has already been added to the Good Samaritan law and SB 2087 is now just logically adding protection for the admirable property owners who install a public AED on their property. As we in Rotary have been giving away AEDs, it has been our experience that many property owners are very reluctant to install an AED for fear of possible litigation. SB 2087 provides the liability protection that will remove this fear thereby increasing the number of AEDs in Hawaii and clearly save more lives. These property owners should be honored for their commitment to public safety and not live in fear of a litigious society. The home owner should be given the broadest liability protection possible. Unfortunately, this language was removed in SB 2087 SD 2 and should now be replaced, as this language is not redundant.

1) Please re-insert page 5 lines 7-11 from SB 2087 SD1:

“The owner or operator of any premises, property, or facility where an automated external defibrillator is located shall not be liable for any civil damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the storage, maintenance, or use of the automated external defibrillator.”

## **Rescue Tubes**

Hawaii averages 65 drownings per year, the leading cause of injury-related non-resident deaths. There are over 9 years of experience in Hawaii placing and using public Rescue Tubes. On Kauai we know of 87 uses affecting 148 people of whom it is estimated by Dr. Monty Downs, ER doctor at Wilcox Hospital on Kauai, that at least 25 lives have been saved as a direct result of the use of public Rescue Tubes. No rescuer has been injured using a public Rescue Tube.

In ocean safety, my first recommendation is always that one should always swim near lifeguards, but Hawaii has 450 beaches and only 79 lifeguard towers. It is simply not practical.

No rescuer whether professional, family member or Good Samaritan, should ever go into the water without a personal floatation device such as a Rescue Tube. A public Rescue Tube is there to protect the rescuer, increasing the probability of a safe rescue of a swimmer in distress.

If it were your son or daughter in trouble in the ocean, what would you do?

The public Rescue Tube provides safe floatation for rescuer and distressed swimmer until lifeguards arrive.

Our experience shows that tragic double drownings are probably avoidable when public Rescue Tubes are used. We have not had a double drowning on Kauai since the Rescue Tube Program began almost 10 years ago.

Family members and Good Samaritans need to know they are supported in their lifesaving efforts by the liability protection given in SB 2087 for our Good Samaritan law.

Finally, as written, SB 2087 SD2 limits the liability indemnification for property owners who install rescue tubes by adding the word “vicariously”. This limits the protections for property owners who by doing the right thing deserve our strong support and the strongest protection possible.

2) I recommend the removal of the word “vicariously” from SB 2087 SD2 page 6 line 2.

This change will remove the fear of litigation for property owners choosing to install lifesaving public Rescue Tubes and thereby increase the number of public Rescue Tubes helping save more lives in Hawaii.

**It is for these reasons that I strongly ask you to vote for our community’s safety, and vote in favor of SB 2087 SD2 with the suggested amendments in these comments.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Branch Lotspeich

**SB-2087-SD-2**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:



**SB-2087-SD-2**

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Testimony for OMH on 3/13/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ellen Godbey Carson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this bill. Rescue tubes save lives of our residents and visitors. This bill will help increase the availability and use of rescue tubes, and thus help save more lives. I'm a resident who loves our ocean, and I know how easy it is for people to get in trouble while in the water, from fatigue, panic, muscle cramp, etc. We have so many drownings that could be prevented by these tubes.

Lions Club has a wonderful mission of placing rescue tubes all around our islands. Those tubes have already saved lives of people who would otherwise have drowned, even during the course of these hearings this year. The main challenge they have faced is that people who want to place the tubes on their oceanfront property, say they are scared about potential liability. Extending the Good Samaritan law to these rescue tubes will help overcome that concern and will allow many more rescue tubes to be placed and used to help prevent ocean drownings. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/10/2018 8:56:10 PM

Testimony for OMH on 3/13/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David Iwana	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a concerned citizen and community volunteer, I am in full support of SB 2087 and encourage its passage as it will save lives! I am a Hawaii Kai Lions Club past president and volunteer at Hanauma Bay, so I experience every day, the beauty and dangers of our surrounding beaches.

It is unquestioned that rescue tubes save lives throughout the state and more recently on Oahu. However, concerns over liability by those individuals, organizations or companies who sponsor, maintain, or use them has impeded their widespread use. It is hoped that with the passage of SB2087 amendment to the Good Samaritan Law, it will eliminate any hesitation to implement the use of a rescue tube. However, certain amendments should be made to the current SB2087 SD2. In particular:

1) to protect property owners who place are AEDs on their property, re-insert page 5 lines 7-11 from Senate Draft 1. This is not redundant it is necessary to achieve one of the goals of this bill.

2) property owners deserve the fullest protection because they are doing the right thing by placing these tubes on their property's. Vicariously liable limits the protections for property owners. The word "vicariously" be struck from page 6 line 2 Senate Draft 2.

It is imperative that the lives of our residents and visitors be extended the availability of this simple device that may save in distress. Please move this important bill forward for passage by the legislature.

Thank you for your thoughtful and favorable consideration in the matter.

Aloha,

David K. Iwana



**SB-2087-SD-2**

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Testimony for OMH on 3/13/2018 9:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eric Kvick	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

To: House of Representatives  
Committee: Ocean, Marine Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs  
Chair: Rep. Kaniela Ing  
Co-Chair: Rep. Lynne DeCoite

From: Peggy Oyama

Subject: Relating to Emergency Rescue Devices (Rescue Tubes)

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill 2087 SD2.

I wish to express my support for SB2087 SD2. I wholeheartedly agree with the intent of the bill, but I respectfully request the committee to consider the following amendments:

- 1) Re-insert on page 5, lines 7-11 from Senate Draft 1. This language is to protect landowners who place AEDs on their property. It is not redundant, as it is necessary to achieve one of the goals of this bill, which is to protect landowners who are trying to help save lives.

“The owner or operator of any premises, property, or facility where an automated external defibrillator is located shall not be liable for any civil damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the storage, maintenance, or use of the automated external defibrillator.”

- 2) Property owners deserve the fullest protection because they are doing the right thing by placing rescue tubes on their property. “Vicariously” liable on page 6, line 2, SD 2, limits the protection of property owners. Please strike “vicariously” from page 6, line 2.

I am speaking as a private citizen, but I became involved in promoting rescue tubes through the Hawaii Kai Lions Club. I do not represent the Hawaii Kai Lions Club in my testimony. I support the bill because it would help save lives of both tourists and residents.

Currently, private landowners are reluctant to post rescue tubes on their property due to liability concerns. In promoting rescue tubes on Oahu, I've spoken with some 13 clubs/groups and local people (approximately 250 people in total), and the recurring concern has been liability issues for private landowners who would post rescue tubes on their property. There was also

concern for private landowners if a rescue tube they'd posted on their property went missing or was stolen. If someone drowned, would the landowner be held liable because someone may have relied on the rescue tube being there, when it had actually been stolen?

In order to promote the use of life-saving rescue tubes in Hawaii, I ask that you pass this bill to encourage organizations to promote and sponsor the use of rescue tubes, encourage private landowners to post rescue tubes on their property without the threat of legal repercussion, and their use by other Good Samaritans in their efforts to save lives. Please help us to save lives by passing this bill. I feel that it is critical that the Good Samaritan law be changed to eliminate hesitation by landowners to implement the use of a rescue tube.

I ask for your favorable consideration in moving SB2087 SD2 forward with the above-mentioned amendments.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Peggy Oyama  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
monty downs	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Monty Downs, M.D.

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To: House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs

Re: Hearing on. 3/13/18, 9:45 AM

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF SB 2087

Dear Chair Ing, Vice-Chair Baker, and Men and Women of the OMH Committee

As an ER physician who loves very few things in life more than when people are brought to my workplace having had their lives saved by an AED or by a rescue tube — and more importantly by the people who made use of the respective device — it's a great privilege to be able to express my support for SB 2087. Unfortunately I won't be able to come over to Honolulu and testify in person,

As you know, there are (at least) 2 distinct aspects to this Bill: One part of it offers liability protection to premises and properties that have a rescue tube or an AED on their property. The other part of it offers liability protection to a Samaritan who makes use of a rescue tube that is available to be used. (We have 218 "rescue tube stations" on our Kauai beaches.)

Regarding those who have the devices on their property: They deserve to not only be protected from liability, they deserve to be praised and exalted for their commitment to peoples' safety.

Similarly with the Samaritans who use these devices. And, for the purposes of this Bill, a rescue tube in particular. Here on Kauai we have been blessed to have documented many dozens of what I call rescue tube deployments in critical situations where a flotation device came in very handy. And studying the records of these incidents, I can say that there are at least two dozen people walking this earth, their families intact, because of the flotation device and the Samaritan who used it. I have furthermore enjoyed the remarkable and emotional experiences of personally meeting 11 of these people in our Wilcox Hospital ER and ICU, after very close brushes with death. One such person described how "this yellow float appeared to me from out of The Void as I was going under."

Please note:

As I'm sure you know, SB 2087 has experienced Amendments on its way to being presented to you as SB 2087 SD2. These Amendments reduced the impact of the original Bill, and I request that you restore the original Bill to its full strength. In particular, I ask you to reinsert, from SB 2087 SD1, lines 7-11. And I also ask you to remove the word "vicariously" from Page 6, line 2.



Respectfully Submitted,

Monty Downs, M.D.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Loyal Mehrhoff	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill 2087, SD2.

I wish to express my support for SB2087, SD2. I stongly agree with the intent of the bill, but I respectfully request the committee make the following changes:

1) Re-insert previous language on page 5, lines 7-11 from Senate Draft 1. This language is needed to protect landowners who place AEDs on their property. It is not redundant, as it is necessary to achieve one of the goals of this bill, which is to protect landowners who are trying to help save lives by placing AEDs on their property.

“The owner or operator of any premises, property, or facility where an automated external defibrillator is located shall not be liable for any civil damages resulting from any act or omission relating to the storage, maintenance, or use of the automated external defibrillator.”

2) The value of this bill, its ability to promote the placement of rescue tubes on oceanfront property, and ultimately the number of lives that can be saved has been severely, if not fatally, compromised by the insertion of the term "vicariously" on page 6, line 2 in SD 2. Property owners deserve the fullest protection because they are doing the right thing by placing rescue tubes on their property. “Vicariously” liable on page 6, line 2, SD 2, limits the protection of property owners. Strike “vicariously” from page 6, line 2.

Currently, private landowners are reluctant to post rescue tubes on their property due to liability concerns.

In order to promote the use of life-saving rescue tubes in Hawaii, I ask that you pass a revised bill, as discussed above, to encourage organizations to promote and sponsor the use of rescue tubes, encourage private landowners to post rescue tubes on their property without the threat of legal repercussion, and facilitate their use by other Good Samaritans in their efforts to save lives. Please help us to save lives by passing this bill. I feel that it is critical that the Good Samaritan law be changed to eliminate hesitation by landowners to implement the use of a rescue tube.

I ask for your favorable consideration in moving SB2087 SD2 forward with the above-mentioned amendments.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Loyal Mehrhoff

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House, Hawaii State Legislature  
Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

Committee Hearing on SB 2087 SD2 – **Relating to Emergency Rescue Devices**

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

9:45 a.m., Conference Room 312

Chair Kaniela Ing, Vice Chair Lynn DeCoite and members of the House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in **support of Senate Bill 2087 SD2**.

I wish to express my support for SB2087 SD2 regarding emergency rescue devices because it would help save lives of both Hawaii tourists and residents. Although I am Immediate Past District Governor of the Hawaii Lions and a member of the Manoa Lions Club, I am submitting testimony as a private citizen

I am aware of the liability concerns raised by those in opposition to this measure and understand it's important that this bill have broad, reasonable guidelines by which a reasonable person would be inclined to post a rescue tube, without fear of unreasonable liability repercussions.

In order to promote the use of life-saving rescue tubes in Hawaii, I ask that you please pass SB 2087 SD2 to encourage organizations to promote and sponsor the use of rescue tubes and encourage private landowners to post rescue tubes on their property without the threat of legal repercussion, and their use by other Good Samaritans in their efforts to save lives.

Thank you very much for your kind attention and consideration.

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**LATE**

**TESTIMONY OF NAHELANI WEBSTER ON BEHALF OF THE HAWAII  
ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE (HAJ) REGARDING S.B. 2087, SD2**

Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Time: 9:45 a.m.

Room: 312

To: Chair Kaniela Ing and Members of the House Committee on Ocean, Marine  
Resources & Hawaiian Affairs.

My name is Nahelani Webster and I am presenting this testimony on behalf of the  
Hawaii Association for Justice (HAJ) regarding S.B. 2087, SD2, Relating to Emergency  
Rescue Devices as currently drafted.

We agree with the intent of the bill however we ask for the following  
amendments:

Section (g) at page 5, line 14 through page 6, line 4, grants immunity to  
individuals who use a rescue tube in attempts to rescue a person and to owners or  
operators of premises where a rescue tube is located. We ask that section (g) be deleted  
because it is unnecessary under current law, which already provides protection to those  
who in good faith render emergency care to those in need. In addition, it is not good  
public policy to link liability immunity to a piece of equipment rather than to conduct, as  
equipment should have certain safeguards in place to ensure it is maintained and suitable  
for use when needed. The Good Samaritan law, Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 663-1.5  
already provides that:

(a) Any person who in good faith renders emergency care, without  
remuneration or expectation of remuneration, at the scene of an accident  
or emergency to a victim of the accident or emergency shall not be liable  
for any civil damages resulting from the person's acts or omissions, except

for such damages as may result from the person's gross negligence or wanton acts or omissions.

Thus, the existing laws in place have already addressed the intent of this bill.

Section (g) is redundant and the use of rescue tubes should not be afforded additional immunity.

Finally, as similarly stated above, section (g), page 6, lines 1 through 4 of this bill grant immunity from negligence to the owner or operator of premises where a rescue tube is located. Likewise, this section should be deleted because the owner or operator of premises where a piece of equipment, such as a rescue tube, is located should retain the duty to maintain the equipment in accordance with its care and maintenance instructions. When a member of the public is in a situation when they must use a rescue tube, they have a reasonable expectation that it will be in good working order.

Thank you for considering our testimony



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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 13, 2018

TIME: 9:45 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 312

**TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB2087,SD2**

**Chair Ing, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the OMH Committee:**

My name is James E. Coon, President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition (OTC)

The OTC represents over 300 small ocean tourism businesses state wide. Most of these are family businesses which are locally owned and operated. . Many of them have been in business for several decades and are an important and valued part of their respective communities. These companies have a stellar track record in ocean safety and provide a safe venue for Ocean Recreation to tens of thousands of tourists each month under the supervision of well trained staff which is required by the US Coast Guard for all Certified Small Passenger Vessels.

Many of these vessels have rescue equipment such as Floatation Devises, Bottled Oxygen, AED's, and First Aid. This has led to the saving of many lives that likely would have otherwise been lost.

OTC Strongly supports SB2087, SD2 and urges its passing.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, President



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Date: March 13, 2018

Time: 9:45 AM

Place: Conference Room 312

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB2087 SD2**

**Chair Ing, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the OMH Committee:**

My name is Melynda Dant, and I am an owner of a family owned ocean tourism business in Kona Hawaii established in 1971.

We have 50 employees, many who are trained to use rescue equipment such as AED's, and administering Oxygen, CPR, and First Aid to our guests when an emergency situation occurs. When you have a company for over 45 years and thousands of guests it is inevitable there will be emergencies but this equipment and our trained crew has saved lives.

Please support this bill, SB2087 SD2.

Sincerely,  
Melynda Dant  
Executive Vice President  
Fair Wind Cruises  
Kona Sunrise Charters



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Zachary LaPrade	Quicksilver Charters	Support	No

Comments:

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Chris Kasper	Individual	Support	No

Comments: