
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



1 WHEREAS, the Department of Education has purchased
2 cardiopulmonary resuscitation mannequins and training materials
3 for use by high school health class instructors; and
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5 WHEREAS, seventy percent of Hawaii residents feel helpless
6 to act during a cardiac arrest emergency because they do not
7 know how to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and
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9 WHEREAS, cardiopulmonary resuscitation training can be
10 completed in a single thirty-minute session; and
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12 WHEREAS, strokes are the fifth-leading cause of death in
13 the United States and a major cause of severe, lifelong
14 disability; and
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16 WHEREAS, strokes account for one out of every twenty deaths
17 in the United States each year; and
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19 WHEREAS, someone in the United States dies from a stroke
20 every four minutes; and
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22 WHEREAS, learning the warning signs of a stroke is
23 essential to minimizing the consequences of this potentially
24 life-threatening event; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Education
29 is requested to design and implement a curriculum in Hawaii
30 public schools that teaches students to perform cardiopulmonary
31 resuscitation and to identify symptoms of a stroke; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the curriculum designed
34 pursuant to this measure be implemented as part of the school
35 health or physical education curriculum, which are required
36 courses for graduation from high school; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
40 Board of Education and the Superintendent of Education.

