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.

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-of-hospital 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, thirty-nine states and the District of Columbia have passed legislation requiring cardiopulmonary resuscitation training as a high school graduation requirement and at least seventy-five percent of public high school students in the United States that are graduating this year will have learned lifesaving cardiopulmonary resuscitation in their schools; and
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, 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the curriculum designed
pursuant to this measure be implemented as part of the school
health or physical education curriculum, which are required
courses for graduation from high school; and

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