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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

1           WHEREAS, it is reported that of the four hundred thousand  
2 people who suffer an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in the  
3 United States each year, only six percent survive the episode;  
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6           WHEREAS, out-of-hospital cardiac arrest is one of the  
7 leading causes of death in Hawai'i; and

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9           WHEREAS, every year in Hawai'i, emergency medical services  
10 teams treat nearly one thousand one hundred cases of out-of-  
11 hospital cardiac arrest, with only nine percent of these victims  
12 surviving; and

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

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

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25           WHEREAS, seventy percent of Hawai'i residents reported  
26 feeling helpless to act during a cardiac arrest emergency  
27 because they do not know how to administer cardiopulmonary  
28 resuscitation; and

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30           WHEREAS, cardiopulmonary resuscitation training can be  
31 completed in a single thirty-minute session; now, therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the  
4 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
5 Health is requested to survey and report on cardiopulmonary  
6 resuscitation instruction being offered through state  
7 departments; and

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

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12 (1) How often cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction is  
13 offered;
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15 (2) The vendors with whom the State contracts for  
16 cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction;
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18 (3) The minimum requirements of participants for  
19 cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction; and
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21 (4) Whether cardiopulmonary resuscitation can be offered  
22 or made available to students at public schools; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is  
25 requested to submit a report of its findings and  
26 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
27 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
28 the Regular Session of 2022; and

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

