
SENATE 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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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
3 that the Department of Health is requested to survey and report
4 on cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction being offered
5 through state departments; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
8 requested to further identify the following:
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- 10 (1) How often cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction is
11 offered;
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- 13 (2) The vendors with whom the State contracts for
14 cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction;
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- 16 (3) The minimum requirements of participants for
17 cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction; and
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- 19 (4) Whether cardiopulmonary resuscitation can be offered
20 or made available to students at public schools; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health is
23 requested to submit a report of its findings and
24 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
25 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
26 the Regular Session of 2022; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health.

