

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 15 2007

RE: S.B. No. 1675
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred S.B. No. 1675
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL
DEFIBRILLATORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to increase survival rates
from cardiac arrest in Hawaii by encouraging the use of automated
external defibrillators.

This measure accomplishes this goal by updating existing law
by changing "automatic" to "automated". In addition, it
establishes Good Samaritan limited immunity for rescuers and
program facilitators and removes the requirement for physician
approval or involvement in the administration of automated
external defibrillators.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Health. The American Heart Association
submitted testimony in support of the intent of this measure with
recommended amendments.

Your Committee finds that every minute counts in the
emergency response to an individual suffering from cardiac arrest.
Automated external defibrillators have been developed that enable
a shorter response time for first responders and the public. Your
Committee further finds that removing physician involvement from



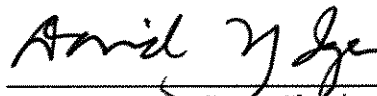
the requirement for automated external defibrillator programs will encourage more businesses to implement the program.

Your Committee has adopted the recommendations of the American Heart Association and amended this measure by deleting the training requirement for persons who use an automated external defibrillator. Your Committee further amended this measure by:

- (1) Leaving physicians in the measure as in the original statute, in order to provide physicians with liability protection if they volunteer their services to assist a non-profit organization; and
- (2) Amending other sections of law in which the term "automatic external defibrillators" appears to reflect the change in terminology from "automatic" to "automated".

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1675, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1675, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes
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SB 1675	HTH, JDL	2-7-07		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
MENOR, Ron				✓
WHALEN, Paul	✓			
TOTAL	4	-	-	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Carol Fukunaga</i>				
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