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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AT  
THE STATE CAPITOL.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that a new study in the  
2 New England Journal of Medicine shows that people who suffer a  
3 life-threatening alteration in heart rhythms are more likely to  
4 survive if they are in a public place such as an airport or  
5 casino than in a hospital. Defibrillators in public places,  
6 called automated external defibrillators, help people survive  
7 heart attacks by applying a shock to the heart to restore normal  
8 heart rhythms. People who have a heart attack in public places  
9 such as an airport or government building, are typically noticed  
10 by others immediately and a rapid response is more likely.  
11 About one-third of patients who suffer cardiac arrests in a  
12 hospital do not get a defibrillator jolt within the recommended  
13 two minutes; and for every lost minute, the chance of survival  
14 worsens. As a result, only one-third of hospitalized victims  
15 survive to leave the hospital, in contrast to the survival of  
16 more than half of the individuals who have cardiac arrest in  
17 public places.



1 The purpose of this Act is to support public health and  
2 safety by providing an automated external defibrillator on each  
3 floor of the State Capitol building.

4 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
5 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
6 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for five  
7 automated external defibrillators to be located on each floor of  
8 the State Capitol building.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
10 health for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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**Description:**

Appropriates funds for automated external defibrillators to be made available at the State Capitol building.

