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## Senate Committee on Health

### SB 2622, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department appreciates the intent of this measure provided it does not  
2 adversely impact our Executive Supplemental Budget.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriates an unspecified amount of funds for purchase in fiscal year 2008-  
4 2009 of five automated external defibrillators to be located on each floor of the State Capitol building.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department appreciates the Legislature's interest in public safety and  
6 its desire to make available automated external defibrillators (AEDs) on each floor of the State Capitol.  
7 There is no question that early defibrillation saves lives, and that public access to AEDs along with good  
8 training and practice can deliver early defibrillation to cardiac arrest victims. The promulgation of  
9 AEDs in more public spaces has been greatly assisted by the passage last year of SB 1675 which  
10 expands the immunity for good faith use of an AED and implementation of programs for its use.

11 Agencies and businesses who want to implement programs, and physicians and other health  
12 professionals who assist are afforded protection that would allow the implementation of a program at the  
13 State Capitol without the assistance of the Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.