

**HB2312, HD2,
SD1**

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

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Committee: Senate Judiciary and Labor

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 2312,HD2,SD1(sscr2904) RELATING TO TORTS. Liability; Exceptions; Good Faith; Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation; Automated External Defibrillator Program

Purpose of Bill: Relieves good Samaritans who perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation in good faith to victims in a perceived medical emergency from civil damages. Amends definition of automated external defibrillator program to include proper maintenance of such devices. Amends definition of good faith to include a reasonably prudent person standard. Defines school and perceived medical emergency

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) supports HB 2312,HD2,SD1(sscr2904) as written. With civil damages concerns minimized, individuals in the Department who are trained and certified in CPR and the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) will be encouraged, as good Samaritans, to take action in a perceived medical emergency such as sudden cardiac arrest.