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***“Honor Our Past; Embrace Our Future”***

February 11, 2018

To: Honorable Legislators

From: Blayne Hanagami, District Governor  
District 50 Hawaii Lions

Subject: **SB 2087 RELATING TO EMERGENCY RESCUE DEVICES.**

I am writing in full support of SB 2087 as its passage will mean more lives saved on our beaches and in our oceans throughout Hawaii.

Progressive Lions clubs like our Hawaii Kai Lions Club and others have boldly undertaken an initiative that truly makes a positive impact in our communities: Saving Lives!

As great as their rescue tubes initiative is, there still remains concern over liability that may ultimately impede the full efficacy of such an initiative. SB 2087 amends the Good Samaritan Law to provide liability exemptions for owners of premises where automated external defibrillators and rescue tubes are located. This provides liability exemptions for rescuers who attempt to rescue a person with a rescue tube.

Our Lions Organization supports many worthwhile projects like this as we are constantly identifying the needs of our communities and then meeting them. There is no greater impact on our communities than saving lives of both our local beachgoers and visitors from around the world.

I humbly urge you to pass SB 2087 so all the good work and noble intentions of many of our servant leaders can come to fruition. Like all of you, we wish no more than to make Hawaii a safer place to live and visit!

Thank you very much for your kind attention and your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Blayne Hanagami, District Governor  
District 50 Hawaii Lions

**SB-2087**

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 2:07:48 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2018 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	Testifying on behalf of OCC Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Branch Lotspeich  
Executive Director  
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February 12, 2018

To: Public Safety and Military Affairs Committee, Chair Clarence Nishihara and Vice-Chair  
Glenn Wakai

Water and Land Committee, Chair Karl Rhoads and  
Vice-Chair Mike Gabbard

Re: Hearing on. 2/14/18, 3 PM

**Testimony in favor of SB 2087**

Dear Senators Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair Wakai, Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Gabbard, and  
Senators of the PSM and WTL Committees:

As the Executive Director of the Rescue Tube Foundation incorporated 8 years ago here in  
Hawaii, I have been privileged to know first hand the lifesaving successes of public Rescue  
Tubes in Hawaii. As a Rotarian I have been involved in an effort to give away 50 AEDs on the  
island of Kauai.

**I am writing to give my strong support for the passage of SB 2087.**

This bill has two separate components; one providing liability protection to property owners  
that install Rescue Tube Stations and/or AEDs on their property and the other to provide  
liability protection to the heroes of our community that chose to use a Rescue Tube to save the  
life of a swimmer in distress.

Liability protection for a Good Samaritan who uses an AED has already been added to the  
Good Samaritan law and SB 2087 is now just logically adding protection for the amazing  
property owners that install a public AED on their property. As we in Rotary have been giving  
away AEDs, it has been our experience that many property owners are reluctance to install an  
AED for fear of possible litigation if it is used. SB 2087 provides the liability protection that will  
increase the presence of AEDs in Hawaii and save lives. These property owners should be

honored for their commitment to public safety and not live in fear of a litigious society.

Hawaii averages 65 drownings per year, the leading cause of injury-related non-resident deaths. There are over 9 years of experience in Hawaii placing and using public Rescue Tubes. On Kauai we know of 87 uses affecting 148 people of whom it is estimated by Dr. Monty Downs, ER doctor at Wilcox Hospital on Kauai, that at least 25 lives have been saved as a direct result of the use of public Rescue Tubes. No rescuer has been injured using a public Rescue Tube.

In ocean safety, my first recommendation is always that one should always swim near lifeguards, but Hawaii has 450 beaches and only 79 lifeguard towers. It is simply not practical.

No rescuer whether professional, family member or Good Samaritan, should ever go into the water without a personal floatation device such as a Rescue Tube. A public Rescue Tube is there to protect the rescuer, increasing the probability of a safe rescue of a swimmer in distress.

If it were your son or daughter in trouble in the ocean, what would you do?

The public Rescue Tube provides safe floatation for rescuer and distressed swimmer until lifeguards arrive.

Our experience shows that tragic double drownings are probably avoidable when public Rescue Tubes are used. We have not had a double drowning on Kauai since the Rescue Tube Program began almost 10 years ago.

Family members and Good Samaritans need to know they are supported in their lifesaving efforts by the liability protection given in SB 2087 for our Good Samaritan law.

**It is for these reasons that I strongly ask you to vote for our community's safety, vote in favor of SB 2087.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Branch Lotspeich

**From:** [Mabel Yawata](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB 2087  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 7:45:28 AM  
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Please pass this bill re: liability exemption for those who attempts to rescue a person with a rescue tube.



**Mabel Yawata**

**Senior Title Officer**

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**SB-2087**

Submitted on: 2/10/2018 10:15:54 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2018 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Erica Scott	Cuddle Party	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2087**

Submitted on: 2/9/2018 3:58:13 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2018 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Javier Mendez-Alvarez		Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2087**

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 8:49:26 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2018 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ellen Godbey Carson		Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this bill. Rescue tubes save lives of our residents and visitors. This bill will help increase the availability and use of rescue tubes, and thus help save more lives. I'm a resident who loves our ocean, and I know how easy it is for people to get in trouble while in the water, from fatigue, panic, muscle cramp, etc. We have so many drownings that could be prevented by these tubes.

Lions Club has a wonderful mission of placing rescue tubes all around our islands. Those tubes have already saved lives of people who would otherwise have drowned. The main challenge they have faced is that people who want to place the tubes on their oceanfront property, say they are scared about potential liability. Extending the Good Samaritan law to these rescue tubes will help overcome that concern and will allow many more rescue tubes to be placed and used to help prevent ocean drownings. Thank you.



**SB-2087**

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 9:15:57 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2018 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Godbey		Support	No

Comments:

I write in support of this bill. Rescue tubes and automatic defibrillators can save the lives of our residents and visitors. This bill will help increase the availability and use of rescue tubes and automatic defibrillators, and thus help save more lives.

The Lions Club has done a wonderful thing in helping place rescue tubes all around our islands. Those tubes have already saved lives of people who would otherwise have drowned. But often people who otherwise would place the tubes on their oceanfront property say they are scared about potential liability. Similarly, I know of institutions hesitant to install automatic defibrillators for the same reason. Extending the Good Samaritan law to these devices will help overcome that concern and will allow more lives to be saved.

Thank you,

Robert Carson Godbey

**From:** [Tamara Brown](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony: WTL Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB 2087 RELATING TO EMERGENCY RESCUE DEVICES.  
**Date:** Sunday, February 11, 2018 4:55:06 PM

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**Aloha Hawaii State Representatives & Senators,**

**Please support "SB 2087 - RELATING TO EMERGENCY RESCUE DEVICES" which** Amends the Good Samaritan Law to provide liability exemptions for owners of premises where automated external defibrillators and rescue tubes are located. Provides liability exemptions for rescuers who attempt to rescue a person with a rescue tube.

**Help make our beaches safer!**

Thank you,  
Tamara Brown  
Puna District, Big Island

**From:** [Loyal Mehrhoff](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Peggy](#)  
**Subject:** SB 2087 RELATING TO EMERGENCY RESCUE DEVICES.  
**Date:** Sunday, February 11, 2018 5:44:59 PM

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I would like to express my support for SB 2087, RELATING TO EMERGENCY RESCUE DEVICES.  
This legislation should expand use of emergency devices, like rescue tubes, and save lives.

Thank you,

Loyal Mehrhoff, PhD  
Hawaii Kai

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**SB-2087**

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 11:30:53 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2018 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gavin Hall	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Gavin Hall, and I would like to see the Good Samaritan Law amended to exempt owners of property where an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) or Rescue Tube is located. We want to make it easier to save lives, not give property owners reasons not to allow these devices on their property. This seems like a no-brainer to me.

If there are more rescue devices available, there will be a better chance of one being close by when needed, and a better chance for lives to be saved because the device is available for use.

I sincerely hope this bill is passed.

**SB-2087**

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 11:59:34 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2018 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cherie Tsukamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This is long overdue and a matter of life and death. I support this bill!

**SB-2087**

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 12:11:53 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2018 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Molly Mamaril	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writing in support of SB2087 to amends the Good Samaritan Law to provide liability exemptions for owners of premises where automated external defibrillators and rescue tubes are located, in addition to providing liability exemptions for rescuers who attempt to rescue a person with a rescue tube. This amendment to the Good Samaritan Law will encourage bystanders to take a more active role in ocean safety, potentially saving many lives in the long term. Mahalo for your consideration.

**SB-2087**

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 1:16:37 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2018 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
monty downs	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2087**

Submitted on: 2/12/2018 1:51:59 PM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2018 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lajuanna Zier	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this Bill as it will save lives! These rescue tubes which are prevalent throughout the island of Kauai are an inexpensive means of saving so many lives, and we need to do everything possible to distribute these throughout Oahu and the outer islands. Crafting our legislation in such a way as to encourage people to use these life saving devices is not only our civil responsibility, but our moral responsibility.



**From:** [roberta wong Leung](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** my support of SB2087  
**Date:** Sunday, February 11, 2018 8:40:11 PM

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I would like to express my support of SB2087 because it would lead to rescue tubes being more readily available and save more lives. Good Samaritan landowners are currently concerned about liability, so reluctant to post life-saving rescue tubes on their property. Please pass this law to help save more tourists' and locals' lives. Thank you

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**Dr. Roberta Wong LEUNG**  
DBA, MBA, BBA, BA, MHRM, MSTD, CHA, CHRE, CHE, CHT

Retired to Hawaii after 45 years exploring the world and 173 countries

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**From:** [31amaulu@hawaiiintel.net](mailto:31amaulu@hawaiiintel.net)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087-RELATING TO EMERGENCY RESCUE DEVICES  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 9:24:20 AM

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Dear Honorable Legislators,

i am in support of SB2087 which, if passed, can increase the numbers of rescue tube sites on Oahu and elsewhere. This can result in lives saved from drowning and minimizing the presence of lifeguards at every single swimming site on the island and elsewhere.

Thank you.

Ken Nakagawa

**From:** [tashima carol](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please support bill 2087  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 2:33:05 PM

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Rescue tube saves lives. Please support this bill.  
Carol Tashima

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Greg Horn](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Including AEDs and Rescue Tubes in the Good Samaritan Law  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 2:49:52 PM

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Aloha!!

I strongly support the passage of SB2087. I am a Rotarian on Kauai and we are involved in both Rescue Tube installations and providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors. I know of many lives that have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

Please pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

Greg Horn

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**From:** [David Dinner](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 3:07:03 PM

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Dear Senators

We need all the support we can get to encourage people in a position to do so to help save lives in jeopardy. No one should have to risk their own station in life while helping another. Please support this bill.

Sent from my iPad with Aloha

**From:** [Jessica Muffett](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087 - I strongly support - please pass this legislation  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 3:07:46 PM

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Aloha,

As a member of Hanalei Rotary on Kauai, where we are involved in Rescue Tube installations and in providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors, I strongly support SB2087. Every time there is a documented life saved, we take time at our Rotary meeting to pin another “save” button on our wall. Even more lives will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

Please pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

Jessica Muffett

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Cathy Butler](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Good Samaritan law  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 3:18:23 PM

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To whom it may concern ,

I am a Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay member and strongly feel that bill SB2087 should pass the senate . Many lives have been saved and many more will be if rescuers are not afraid of being sued for trying. I fully believe the rescue tubes and the use of AED's are critical for the health of our Ohana.

Catherine M. Butler

**From:** [Pat Griffith](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Good Samaritan Law  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 3:23:26 PM

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Aloha,

I strongly support the passage of SB2087. I am a Rotarian on Kauai and we are involved in both Rescue Tube installations and providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors. I know of many lives that have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

Please pass this legislation.

Mahalo,

Patricia Griffith

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [John Harder](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Branch Lotspeich](#)  
**Subject:** SB 2087  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 3:40:08 PM

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair / Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair / Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

Aloha Committee Members

I strongly support the passage of SB2087.

As a long time resident of Hawaii I have seen the benefits of providing both Rescue Tube installations and AEDs to our residents and our visitors - and have also read of the avoidable tragedies that have occurred when access to these devices is not available.

I have personally installed a number of rescue tubes on Kauai, and participated in CPR / AED training to be better prepared in the case of an emergency.

Many lives have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

Please pass the proposed amendments to the Good Samaritan Law.

**John Harder, aka the Dumpdoctor**

**If you're not for ZERO Waste, how much Waste ARE you for?**

**SB-2087**

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 7:07:30 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2018 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kama Hopkins	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**From:** [Nancy Rocheleau](#)  
**To:** [WTL Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Rescue Tube Legislation  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 1:46:57 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I support rescue tubes.

Best Regards,  
Nancy Rocheleau  
6871 Niumalu Loop  
Honolulu, HI 96825

**From:** [Debbie Lantz](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Cc:** [The Diamond Center](#)  
**Subject:** We need your support to save life's  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 7:47:24 PM

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Dear Sir,

I reach out to you to continue to save life's in our island!

"I strongly support the passage of SB2087. I am a Rotarian on Kauai and we are involved in both Rescue Tube installations and providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors. In fact last year we installed a AED at Paliuli Cottages which I own #8. We as cottage owners contributed together to keep our community safe along with many of our neighbors!

I know of many lives that have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

Please pass this legislation.

Sincerely,  
Robbin and Debbie Lantz  
3890 Kamehameha Road  
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United States  
Sent from my iPhone  
Debbie Lantz

**From:** [Jonathan McRoberts](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Supporting SB2087  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 4:22:51 PM

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Aloha,

I am a member of the Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay. Our club was very instrumental in developing the hugely successful Rescue Tube program and installing AEDs across Kauai. In order spread the success we have witnessed on Kauai, we need to have a Good Samaritan Bill that to protect those who use these life saving devices and property owners who allow the Rescue Tubes and AEDs on their property.

Please help save lives by voting in favor of SB2087.

Jonathan McRoberts  
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**From:** [Del Green](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support or SB2087 (relating to emergency rescue devices)  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 5:52:51 PM

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Dear Public Safety Committee,

Aloha!

I am writing in support of SB 2087 (relating to emergency rescue devices).

In addition to being a practicing attorney at Case Lombardi & Pettit, A Law Corporation, I am a Past District Governor for Rotary District 5000 (Hawaii) and am aware of the invaluable community service work done by the Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay and others to save lives through the rescue tube project and the AED project.

While it would be nice to believe that there ought not be a need for a statute to expressly protect persons who choose to use or install (or allow the installation of) life saving rescue tubes or life saving AEDs, the reality is that these devices do not guarantee a positive result in every instance and bad things can happen to good [Samaritan] people.

While the use of rescue tubes and AEDs do not guarantee a lifesaving result, they do improve the likelihood of that result, which is good 100% of the time. Nevertheless, I am very aware that I have zealous colleagues who will gladly name anyone they can in a personal injury lawsuit (just out of an abundance of caution and/or because they have deep pockets), which has a chilling effect on the willingness of some property owners to get involved and participate in these life saving programs, or provide any space for others to do so. In the interest of saving lives, I strongly support SB 2087.

Del Green  
Rotary Club of Downtown Honolulu, Hawai'i  
District 5000, Past District Governor 2015-16  
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*A'ohe hana nui ka alu'ia* (No task is too big when done together)  
--Hawaiian proverb

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**From:** [John Oszust](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 4:18:09 PM

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Aloha,

I consider my self to be a conscientious citizen. I am also a long time Rotarian, resident of Kauai and past president of the Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay. In recent years I have observed, and read about the many heroic and timely water rescues that have occurred on our beautiful garden island. I have also recently noted a large number of tragic water-related deaths on Maui in the past two months and hope that can change with your support of SB2087.

Along with many members of our club (RCHB) and community, I have personally installed rescue tubes on our beaches and AED's in our local community because I believe both to be effective life saving tools for both locals and the burgeoning number of visitors as well.

As such, I support the passage of SB2087 to allow the Good Samaritan Act to be even more effective than it is currently. I would ask you to please help this bill be passed into law.

Mahalo,

John Oszust

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**From:** [SW Bunyan](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB 2087  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 5:58:50 PM

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Aloha from Kauai,

We just heard that Senator Chang is introducing SB 2087 and your committee will be considering it tomorrow. It was our Rotary Club, the Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay, that initially adopted then committed to supporting the Rescue Tube Project as a means to save lives when those in trouble are far from lifeguard stations. Our banner, filling up with stars (each star representing a Rescue Tube "save"), attests to their value. We are currently raising funds for AEDs to be placed in schools and heavily visited public places and they, too, are saving lives. It was a surprise to hear that the Good Samaritan Law didn't automatically apply to these two situations. Please pass this legislation to protect these strangers helping strangers.

Regards and mahalo,  
Sunny Wyanne Bunyan  
Wainiha Hui, Kauai

Please pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

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Sunny-Wyanne Bunyan, RA, GRI  
Sunny@SunnyBunyan.com



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**From:** [rick.gerding](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Rescue tubes & AED  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 4:50:05 PM

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I support passage of SB2087. Here on Kauai we see the yearly totals of lives saved by the tubes. AEDs will add to the safety for our friends, family and visitors. Positive action can only bring good results for you on other islands as we have see here.

Thanks, Rick Gerding

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From: [linda.ann.koreyasu](mailto:linda.ann.koreyasu@gmail.com)  
To: [PSMTestimony: WTL Testimony](#)  
Subject: Rescue Tube Hearing Scheduled SB2087  
Date: Monday, February 12, 2018 8:14:43 PM

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*Feb. 12, 2018*

*Dear Legislators:*

*I am writing to wholly support SB 2087 as it will amend the Good Samaritan Law to provide liability exemptions for rescuers who attempt to rescue someone with a rescue tube. If passed, this SB 2087 will greatly minimize concerns that could otherwise discourage good Samaritans from fully utilizing this wonderful lifesaving apparatus as it was originally intended.*

*As a native of the Big Island, we have shorelines that cannot possibly all be covered by certified lifeguards! The passage of SB 2087, along with our rescue tubes, will make our shorelines safer for all!*

*Thank you very much for your consideration,*

*Linda Ann Koreyasu  
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**"The most powerful antidepressant in the world has four paws and a wagging tail."**

**From:** [Thelma Aiwohi](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Rescue Tube Support  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 9:20:23 PM  
**Attachments:** [2018-02-14 SB 2087 Hearing notice.pdf](#)

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Hello,

I am in support of Senate Bill 2087.

Thank you.

**From:** [masuno1@aol.com](mailto:masuno1@aol.com)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support for SB2087  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 10:14:19 PM

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Please pass SB2087. I strongly support the passage of this bill because I know that Rescue Tubes work and they have saved many lives with this simple floater. Rotarians invented the Rescue Tube stations and have installed and provided AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors. More lives will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

Sincerely,

Naomi Masuno, 98-1811 Ipuala Pl, Aiea, HI 96701

**From:** [Kelly Trang](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 10:22:29 PM

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I strongly support the passage of SB2087. I am a Rotarian in Hawaii and our Rotary Club is very involved in Rescue Tube installations and maintenance to save the lives of our local population and visitors. I know of many lives that have been saved by these rescue tubes and more will be saved if their placement, use, and maintenance are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

Please pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

Kelly Trang

Rotary Club of Kihei-Wailea on Maui,  
Hawaii

**From:** [Mark Barry](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 10:27:41 PM

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I am a responsible, civic minded doctor living on Maui. I'm also a Rotarian (Kihei-Wailea) on the Rescue Tube committee. We have installed 43 tubes and have had multiple rescues in the last year. This is a very easy and inexpensive solution to prevent many drownings... the only proven immediate response, on-scene modality that works.

Let's get our state government officially and proactively behind this! The time is now.

Mark Barry MD  
156 Mauu Place  
Haiku

**From:** [Nalani](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support Rescue Tube Bill SB2087  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 10:59:59 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I support this bill.

Sincerely,

Nalani Flinn

***Nalani Flinn***

District Governor 2017 - 2018  
Hawaii Rotary District 5000  
(808) 342-1565





**From:** [mila](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I strongly support the passage of SB2087  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 11:03:52 PM

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**To whom it may concern:**

I strongly support the passage of SB2087. I am a Rotarian on Maui and Rotarians are involved in both Rescue Tube installations and providing AEDs to building owners to save people's lives, local and visitor. Many lives have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

Please pass this legislation.

Mahalo,  
Mila Salvador  
571 Kuanana St.  
Paia, HI 96779



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**From:** [Roy Hosaka](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 11:11:43 PM

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2/12/2018

As a Rotarian and residence of Hawaii I strongly support the passage of SB2087 which involves both the Rescue Installations and providing AEDs to building owners to save lives of our local population and our visitors.

Roy T. Hosaka  
7015 Niumalu Loop  
Honolulu, HI 96825

**From:** [Natasha Clarin](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087  
**Date:** Monday, February 12, 2018 11:46:01 PM

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I can definitely support the passage of SB2087.

Being a Rotarian in Hawaii, many lives have been saved by rescue devices like the Rescue Tube and AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our tourists. Our Rotarians are involved in both Rescue Tube installations and providing AEDs to buildings. I know of many lives that have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

Sincerely pass this legislation.

Respectfully,

Natasha Clarin

91-479 Pohakupuna Road

Ewa Beach, Hawaii

**From:** [stan.greenbaum@gmail.com](mailto:stan.greenbaum@gmail.com) on behalf of [Stan Greenbaum](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Rescue tubes  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 12:05:25 AM

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I strongly support the passage of SB2087. I am a Rotarian in Hawaii and our Rotarians are involved in both Rescue Tube installations and providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors. I know of many lives that have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

Please pass this legislation.

***Stan Greenbaum, Rotary Club of Kapa'a***

***Hawaii Rotary Youth Foundation Scholarship Chairman (Kapa'a)***

**From:** [Ronald Young](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087\_ rescue tubes & AEDs  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 4:40:01 AM

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As a Rotarian and a concerned citizen, I support this bill. This program is not only important to saving lives of Hawaii residents, but also to the more than 9,000,000 visitors to Hawaii.

Tourism is an essential part of our economy, and we need to let the visitors know that their safety is our concern and that we appreciate their choosing Hawaii for their vacation.

Please pass this bill.

Thank you,

Ronald T. C. Young  
PDG D5000  
Rotary Club of West Honolulu  
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**From:** [Ted Faigle](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 5:30:38 AM

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I strongly support the passage of SB2087. I am a Rotarian on Kauai. Rotarians are involved in both Rescue Tube installations and in providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors. I know of many lives that have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Steve Koyama](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 5:56:50 AM  
**Attachments:** [Image-20.png](#)

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To: Public Safety Committee,

I strongly support the passage of SB2087. I am a Rotarian in Hawaii and our Rotarians are involved in both Rescue Tube installations and providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors. I know of many lives that have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

I hear of people drowning often along the shores of our islands. Many times while snorkeling. If this could help save lives, I am all for it.

Please pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

Steve Koyama

1888 Kalakaua Ave C-312  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815



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**From:** [Ioana Agasa](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Bill SB2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 6:15:35 AM

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I am a Rotarian and assistant Treasurer of the Rotary Club of South Hilo Foundation. I very strongly support the passage of SB2087 to include Rescue Tubes and AEDs in the Good Samaritan law. Our Foundation and the Rotary Club of South Hilo have installed many rescue tubes on Hawaii Island. I know lives have been saved and many more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

Thanks  
Ioana Agasa



**From:** [Monica Oszust](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Rescue Tubes  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 6:33:06 AM

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To whom this may concern. My name is Monica I was just and I am current president of The Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay. I am very much in support of rescue tubes and having helped support them I have seen many rescues at our island. Many lives have been saved and many more lives can be saved.

You can make this a possibility. Thank you very much

Monica Oszust  
The President of The Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay

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**From:** [Ken Hughes](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087 Feedback  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 6:37:31 AM

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I strongly support the passage of SB2087. I am a Rotarian on Kauai and we are involved in both Rescue Tube installations and providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors. I know of many lives that have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

Please pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Margie Flores](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 7:10:32 AM

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I strongly support the passage of SB2087. I am a Rotarian in Hawaii and our Rotarians are involved in both Rescue Tube installations and providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors. I know of many lives that have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan Law. Please pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Flores  
25 Hakoi Hema Pl  
Kihei, Hi 96753

Thank you

**From:** ["Rock"](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 7:20:54 AM

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Aloha,

I am a Rotarian with the Waianae Coast Rotary Club and I strongly support the passage of SB2087. Many Rotary Clubs in Hawaii District 5000 are involved and donate funds to purchase both Rescue Tubes installations and AEDs to building owners to help save the lives. A Good Samaritan Law will definitely protect the use and placement of these devises to continue saving lives. Please pass this legislation.

Don Arakaki  
94-1039 Halepili Street  
Waipahu, HI 96797

**From:** [Darren Schneck](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** rescue tube  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 7:21:18 AM

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I strongly support the bill to make Rescue Tubes prt of the Good Samaritan Law.  
It saves lives and it makes sense.  
Darren Schneck  
Rotarian

**From:** [Larry Wharton](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB 2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:00:25 AM

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**I strongly support the passage of SB2087.** I am a Rotarian with the Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay. Our club is very much involved in both Rescue Tube installations and providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors. I know of many lives that have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

**Please pass this legislation.**

Sincerely,

A. Larry Wharton

P.O. Box 39

Kilauea, HI 96754

ADDRESS"

**From:** [Charles Lanphier](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:04:23 AM

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My name is Charles (Chuck) Lanphier, a long time resident of Princeville. I have been involved with Rotary of Hanalei Bay since 2000. Senate bill 2087 will come up for a vote today. Please vote for this bill which will exempt shoreline property owners from legal action from installation of Rescue tubes on their property. Our litigious society makes this act a necessity for many landowners. Rescue tubes WORK. Our club has documented many rescues, some with visits from those who would have drowned without the tubes. Thank you for helping with the bill.

**From:** [Gay Porter](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Rescue Tube SB 2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:22:27 AM  
**Importance:** High

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To Whom It May Concern (all of us in Hawaii):

I urge support and passage of SB2087. As a Rotarian as well as a strong supporter of the Daniel Sayre Memorial Foundation, we have seen first hand how important Rescue Tubes and AEDs are to our local communities as well as our visitors. Tourism is our major industry and how can we not support it!? The amount of tourist deaths at our beaches, especially recently on Maui are shocking! I am sure this will hit social media and spread like the flu virus has spread and would not look good for Hawaii. We already have enough bad publicity with the missile fiasco!

This is the right thing to do! Get this passed!

Sincerely,

Gay Porter  
67-1095 Palekaiko Road  
Kamuela, HI 96743



**From:** [Scott S](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support SB2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:25:27 AM

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Dear Committee members:

I strongly support the passage of SB2087. I am a Rotarian in Hawaii and our Rotarians are involved in both Rescue Tube installations and providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors. I know of many lives that have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

Please pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

Scott Sonoda

3215 Ala Ilima St Apt A211

Honolulu, HI 96818

**From:** [Arlene Estrella](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Good Samaritan Law  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:37:12 AM

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I strongly support the passage of SB2087. I am a Rotarian in Hawaii and our Rotarians are involved in both Rescue Tube installations and providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors. I know of many lives that have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

Mahalo,  
Arlene Estrella  
Licensed Massage Therapist  
Lic #11968  
808-888-8169

**From:** [Allen Inda](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Bill SB2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:59:34 AM

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I strongly support the passage of SB2087. I am a Rotarian in Hawaii and our Rotarians are involved in both Rescue Tube installations and providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors. I know of many lives that have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

Please pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

Allen Inda

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**From:** [Carol Kimball](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:02:22 AM

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I am a member of Honolulu Rotary and I support the passage of SB2087. Our club is involved in providing AED's and Rescue Tubes to property owners so that lives can be saved in Hawaii. The good Samaritans who use these devices to save lives must be protected by our Good Samaritan law and I'm asking you to please pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Kimball  
99-1655 Hoapono Place  
Aiea, HI 96701  
808-391-2691

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Marilyn Woods](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Please support the legislation for AED and RESCUE TUBES  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:29:24 AM

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I am a Rotarian in Kauai. We support important work and seek support for this very important legislation.

Marilyn A Woods  
po box 223279  
Princeville,HI 96722

**From:** [Karen De soto](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:49:52 AM

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This is a very sensible bill which should not cause any harm but may really help people. Please give it real consideration.

Karen De Soto  
337 Nohea St.  
Hilo, HI 96720

**From:** [Jakki Nelson](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** rescue tubes  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 9:49:17 AM

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I am a 12 year resident living and working on Kauai. I support the rescue tube project and believe it has saved lives.

***Jakki Nelson***  
***115 Paako St***  
***Kapaa, Hi 96746***  
***(808)822-4608***  
[grrrlphish@aol.com](mailto:grrrlphish@aol.com)



Monty Downs, M.D.  
President, Kauai Lifeguard Association  
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Kapa'a, HI 96746  
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To: Public Safety and Military Affairs Committee, Chair Clarence Nishihara  
Vice-Chair Glenn Wakai  
Water and Land Committee, Chair Karl Rhoads  
Vice-Chair Mike Gabbard

Re: Hearing on. 2/14/18, 3 PM

Testimony in favor of SB 2087

Dear Senators Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair Wakai, Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Gabbard, and  
Senators of PSM and WTL Committees:

As an ER physician who loves very few things in life more than when people are brought to my workplace having had their lives saved by an AED or by a rescue tube — and more importantly by the people who made use of the respective device — it's a great privilege to be able to voice my support for SB 2087.

As you know, there are (at least) 2 distinct aspects to this Bill: One part of it offers liability protection to premises and properties that have a rescue tube or an AED on their property. The other part of it offers liability protection to a Samaritan who makes use of a rescue tube that is available to be used. (We have 218 "rescue tube stations" on our Kauai beaches.)

Regarding those who have the devices on their property: They deserve to not only be protected from liability, they deserve to be praised and exalted for their commitment to peoples' safety.

Similarly with the Samaritans who use these devices. And, for the purposes of this Bill, a rescue tube in particular. Here on Kauai we have been blessed to have documented many dozens of what I call rescue tube deployments in critical situations where a flotation device came in very handy. And studying the records of these incidents, I can say that there are at least two dozen people walking this earth, their families intact, because of the flotation device and the Samaritan who used it. I have furthermore enjoyed the remarkable and emotional experience of personally meeting 11 of these people in our Wilcox Hospital ER and ICU, after a very close brush with death. One such person described "this yellow float appeared to me from out of The Void as I was going under."

Please cast a vote for our peoples' safety and vote in favor of SB 2087.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monty Downs, M.D.



**From:** [Jim Kennedy](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Jim Kennedy](#)  
**Subject:** In Support of SB2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 10:14:03 AM

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Aloha:

I am a past president of the Hawai`i Island Chamber of Commerce, a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Hilo, and over the years, many other local civic organizations, present and past.

Specifically though my involvement in Rotary, we have been and continue to support programs for beach and water safety, including providing rescue tubes, and also providing AEDs in various locations.

These efforts would definitely be enhanced if the use of these devices was protected by the Good Samaritan law.

Please support this action.

Mahalo,

Dr. James Kennedy

**From:** [Charlene Santala Gearing](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Rescue tubes  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 10:29:42 AM

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I strongly support the passage of SB2087. I am the president of the Rotary Club of Kapolei Sunset, and I have visited Kauai and seen the Rescue Tube installations. What a wonderful, life saving idea! I own an AED and have also supported providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of friends, family members and visitors. Expanding the Good Samaritan Law is a small thing to do to ensure that installation of rescue tubes and AED's continues and that people will not hesitate to use them.

Please pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

Charlene Kay Santala Gearing, Ph.D.  
President

92-1188 Olani Street, #1  
Kapolei HI 96707

608-239-0454



**From:** [Gay Porter](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB2087 - SANDRA COLTER  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 10:39:33 AM

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**From:** sandra colter [mailto:colter06@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 10:36 AM  
**To:** Gay Porter  
**Subject:**

"I strongly support the passage of SB2087. I am a Rotarian in Hawaii and our Rotarians are involved in both Rescue Tube installations and providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors. I know of many lives that have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

Sandra Colter

67-1088 Wainoeno trail Kamuela, Hi 96743

808 885-4517

**From:** [Mary Sears](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** support SB2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 10:35:19 AM

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I urge support of SB2087. We Rotarians are involved in both Rescue Tube and AED installations. Let's protect their use and placement with our Good Samaritan law.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Robin Bon](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Good Samaritan Bill  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 10:55:53 AM

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Aloha,

I am very much in support of the good samaritan bill to protect those who use and those whose property houses AED's and yellow rescue tubes. These devices save lives but only if they are available for use.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Robin Bon  
Anahola, HI

**From:** [Bub Wo](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support for SB2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 10:56:26 AM

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I strongly support the passage of SB2087. I am a Rotarian with the Rotary Club of Honolulu, and our Rotarians are involved in both Rescue Tube installations and providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors. I know of many lives that have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

I strongly support passage of this bill.

Aloha,

Robert William Wo

President-Elect

Rotary Club of Honolulu

My Home Address:

130 Dowsett Avenue

Honolulu, HI 96817

**SB-2087**

Submitted on: 2/13/2018 11:46:11 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/14/2018 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David S. De Luz, Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**From:** [Mel Hertz](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 11:07:13 AM  
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Aloha, I am writing to let you know that I am in support of SB2087. I am a member of The Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunrise and fellow Rotarians are involved in both providing AEDs to building owners and in Rescue Tube installations around the State. I know that many of our citizens lives have been saved by these rescue devices. Lets pass this law so more lives can be positively effected.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

mel r. hertz, MBA, **CFP®**

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**From:** [Ray Paler](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Passage of SB2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 11:09:05 AM

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Aloha Committee Members,

I support the passage of SB2087. I am a Rotarian in Hawaii and Rotarians are involved in both Rescue Tube installations and providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors. I have knowledge that many lives have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan Law.

Please pass this legislation.

Mahalo,

**Ray Paler**

**3233 Palai Street  
Lihue, Hi. 96766**

Assistant District Governor – Kauai 2016-2019  
District 5000, Zone 26  
Foundation Chair 2014 – 2018 Rotary E-Club of Hawaii  
Past President 2011 – 2012 Kalepa Sunrise  
Charter President 2001-2002 Kalepa Sunrise



**From:** [Robert Santry](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support Rescue Tube  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 11:10:01 AM

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I strongly support the passage of SB2087. I am a Rotarian in Hawaii and our Rotarians are involved in both Rescue Tube installations and providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors. I know of many lives that have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

Please pass this legislation.

Robert M. Santry, M.D.  
Rotary Club of Upcountry (Maui)  
986 Alaea Street  
Makawao, Hawaii 96768 USA  
808.276.0835

**From:** [Apple Computer](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 11:12:00 AM

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Aloha Senator Stanley Chang,

I strongly support the passage of SB2087. I am a member of Rotary in Hawaii and our roughly 1800 members have been involved in both Rescue Tube installations and providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors. I know of many lives that have been saved by these rescue devices and I believe that more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan law.

Please pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

Alan Kusunoki

3654 Nuuanu Pali Dr  
Honolulu HI 96817-5239

**From:** [Richard Thompson](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 11:13:13 AM

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I strongly support SB 2087. Rescue tubes and automatic external defibrillators are proven lifesaving devices and their use should be protected by Hawaii's Good Samaritan law

Richard Thompson  
10 Palena Place, Kula

**From:** [Patrick & Lasar McCabe](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB2087  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 11:18:24 AM

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Hello,

I would like to write in my support for bill SB2087 for the rescue tubes. So many more people are drowning or close to it and there can't be enough lifeguards for every beach every hour of the day. If we can spend some money to put life-saving tubes on the beaches who knows how many more can be saved? It's ridiculous that some outer islands have them and Oahu doesn't; they have saved lives. What are we waiting for? This would be money well spent and it's good protection for property owners. Please pass this bill!

Lasar Hurd-McCabe  
Aiea, HI

**From:** [A. Sidun](#)  
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**Subject:** SB 2087 Relating to Emergency Rescue Devices  
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Aloha,

I am writing to express my strong support for **SB 2087 - Relating to Emergency Rescue Devices**. *"Amends the Good Samaritan Law to provide liability exemptions for owners of premises where automated external defibrillators and rescue tubes are located. Provides liability exemptions for rescuers who attempt to rescue a person with a rescue tube."*

I believe the above stated Senate Bill should absolutely fall under the Good Samaritan Act. As we all know, tragic accidents and losses related to Hawaii's oceans occur far too often and are entirely preventable. Hawaii is dependent on tourism and recreation related to its beautiful environment - including recreation related to the ocean. While tourists may not know of the dangers, locals that **do** know of Hawaiian water dangers still fall victim to the ocean's power.

By passing SB 2087 the State of Hawaii is taking a proactive and necessary step to prioritize the safety of visitors and locals alike. I urge all senators and the PSM committee to vote in support of SB 2087. It is time Hawaii takes a stand to do its best in protecting visitors and locals from the preventable dangers that rescue tubes and defibrillators are intended for.

Mahalo,  
Alexandra Sidun

**From:** [Jane Gibson](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
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Please pass SB 2087! As a member of the Rotary Club of Pahoia Sunset, we had purchased several rescue tubes to install along the Puna coast line where there are no life guards, such as along the cliff of Hawaiian Paradise Park subdivision, where many fishermen and their children are found at night and early morning. Often I hear the county rescue helicopter searching our coast for someone who has fallen in and drowned. The residents along that coast need to know they will not be sued by allowing us to install these to save lives!

Jane Gibson,  
President Elect 2018-2019

**From:** [Jay Satenstein](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
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I am writing because I just heard Hawaii does not have a "Good Samaritan" law that covers the installation and use of Rescue Tubes and AED's. These are proven life saving devices and no one should be afraid to install them or use them to help save a life.

I urge you to pass a law that will allow someone to install and or use these devices without fear of a law suit.

Thank You,  
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**SB-2087**

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Steven E. MacBride, MD	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a licensed physician specializing in internal medicine and a life-long resident of Hawaii. I am quite familiar with "Good Samaritan" laws as they exist in our state and many if not all states on the mainland.

I have read the entire contents of SB2087 and enthusiastically support the passage of this bill to extend "Good Samaritan" indemnifications and protections to individuals utilizing AED's to defibrillate victims of cardiac arrest and, as well, to individuals who deploy and use inflatable rescue tubes to assist swimmers in danger of drowning.

As a resident of the East Shore I am aware of many beaches in the area and areas on the adjacent North Shore that present hazards to swimmers, especially the droves of tourists and military members new to our island. Some of these post warnings, few have life guards but even with both present, coverage may be insufficient or non-existent at times. The rescue tube, as used in Australia and on Kauai is easily deployed by any swimmer who can place the strap on his/her shoulder and rapidly swim to a drowning person. Thereafter, the tube may be pushed toward the victim, allowing the rescuer to be protected from the grappling and choking that may be inflicted by the desperate victim. As we are a state that values tourism and our military, extending the rescue tube stands around the island, even on private property where permitted, makes great sense and will certainly assist in saving lives if the ordinary citizen can feel protected by law with the extension of "Good Samaritan" provisions to cover them.

As a physician, I have overseen and taught the use of AED's in several businesses, condominium dwellings and 2 hotels. They are completely safe and easy to use, even on a first-time basis, with clear instructions and diagrams on the cover. They are indeed state-of-the-art and clearly life-saving. The ordinary citizen should be able to use these effectively without error and, I believe, should be afforded "Good Samaritan" protections in using AED's to defibrillate individuals who have sustained a cardiac arrest.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Steven E. MacBride, MD



**From:** [Mark Wolfendale](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
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I strongly support the passage of SB2087. I am a Rotarian in Hawaii and our Rotarians are involved in both Rescue Tube installations and providing AEDs to building owners to save the lives of our local population and our visitors. I know of many lives that have been saved by these rescue devices and more will be saved if their use and placement are protected by our Good Samaritan laws.

Please pass this important bill.

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Please support the bill regarding rescue tube to help people in trouble while swimming.

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**From:** [Anne Biedel](#)  
**To:** [PSMTestimony](#)  
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Dear Sir or Madam;

I am a physician in Lahaina as well as the president of our local Rotary Club. As members of our Oceanside community, my club members and I want to urge the Senate to add provisions to this bill that cover rescue tubes that are installed along our coastline on every island. The visitors and community members need the security and assistance of these rescue tubes but those who install and maintain these devices must be protected from liability as Good Samaritans.

Thank you for your consideration;

Anne E Biedel, MD  
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