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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND STATE PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION TO INCLUDE CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION INSTRUCTION AS PART OF THE HEALTH CURRICULUM FOR STUDENTS GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE.

1 WHEREAS, of the four hundred thousand people who suffer an
2 out-of-hospital cardiac arrest in the United States each year,
3 only six percent survive the episode; and
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5 WHEREAS, in the State, emergency medical services teams
6 treat nearly one thousand one hundred cases of out-of-hospital
7 cardiac arrest each year, with only nine percent of these
8 victims surviving; and
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10 WHEREAS, cities that have increased training for
11 cardiopulmonary resuscitation have seen cardiac arrest survival
12 rates reach up to sixty percent; and
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14 WHEREAS, thirty-nine states and the District of Columbia
15 have passed legislation requiring cardiopulmonary resuscitation
16 training as a high school graduation requirement and at least
17 seventy-five percent of public high school students in the
18 United States that are graduating this year will have learned
19 lifesaving cardiopulmonary resuscitation in their schools; and
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21 WHEREAS, by incorporating cardiopulmonary resuscitation
22 training, which can be completed in a single thirty-minute
23 session, as an integral part of the health education curriculum
24 for all students in grades nine through twelve in the State,
25 there is a less likelihood that Hawaii residents will not feel
26 helpless to act during a cardiac arrest emergency and survival
27 rates for out-of-hospital cardiac arrests will increase; now,
28 therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
31 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the House of



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1 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Education and
2 State Public Charter School Commission are requested to include
3 cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction as part of the health
4 curriculum for students in grades six through twelve; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any instruction in
7 cardiopulmonary resuscitation be included in at least one health
8 class required for graduation; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any instruction in
11 cardiopulmonary resuscitation include hands-on practicing of
12 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external
13 defibrillator use and be in congruence with current, nationally
14 recognized, evidence-based emergency care guidelines; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public or charter school may
17 waive the instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation for any
18 student who is unable to participate in hands-on practicing of
19 cardiopulmonary resuscitation by reasons of disability; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a local agency, entity of the
22 State or local government, or other public or private
23 organization that sponsors, authorizes, supports, finances, or
24 supervises the instruction of students in compression-only
25 cardiopulmonary resuscitation or the use of an automated
26 external defibrillator not be liable for any civil damages
27 alleged to result from the acts or omissions of an individual
28 who received such instruction; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public employee who provides
31 or facilitates the instruction of students in compression-only
32 cardiopulmonary resuscitation or the use of an automated
33 external defibrillator not be liable for any civil damages
34 alleged to result from the acts or omissions of an individual
35 who received such instruction; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board
 3 of Education, Superintendent of Education, Chair of the State
 4 Public Charter School Commission, and Executive Director of the
 5 State Public Charter School Commission.

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