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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO INCLUDE INSTRUCTION IN
CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION INTO HEALTH EDUCATION
CURRICULUM FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE IN
ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.

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, that the Board
32 of Education is urged to include instruction in cardiopulmonary
33 resuscitation into health education curriculum for students in



1 grades nine through twelve in all public schools in the State;
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any instruction in
5 cardiopulmonary resuscitation be included in at least one health
6 class required for graduation; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any instruction in
9 cardiopulmonary resuscitation include hands-on practicing of
10 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external
11 defibrillator use and be in congruence with current, nationally
12 recognized, evidence-based emergency care guidelines; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public school may waive the
15 instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation for any student who
16 is unable to participate in hands-on practicing of
17 cardiopulmonary resuscitation by reasons of disability; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a local agency, entity of the
20 State or local government, or other public or private
21 organization that sponsors, authorizes, supports, finances, or
22 supervises the instruction of students in compression-only
23 cardiopulmonary resuscitation or the use of an automated
24 external defibrillator not be liable for any civil damages
25 alleged to result from the acts or omissions of an individual
26 who received such instruction; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a public employee who provides
29 or facilitates the instruction of students in compression-only
30 cardiopulmonary resuscitation or the use of an automated
31 external defibrillator not be liable for any civil damages
32 alleged to result from the acts or omissions of an individual
33 who received such instruction; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board of Education
3 and Superintendent of Education.
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OFFERED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. K. Kulkarni", is written over a horizontal line.