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**Testimony COMMENTING on S.C.R. 37
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REPORT ON
CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION INSTRUCTION BEING OFFERED
THROUGHOUT STATE DEPARTMENTS**

SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: March 24, 2021

Room Number: Videoconference

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) offers comments on Senate
3 Concurrent Resolution 37 (S.C.R. 37), which requests that the DOH report on cardiopulmonary
4 resuscitation (CPR) instruction offered through state departments, including whether or not CPR
5 can be offered or made available to students at public schools.

6 The DOH does not currently provide or promote CPR instruction, though the Department
7 works with partners to prevent heart attacks through better management of high blood pressure
8 and high blood cholesterol and collaborates with the Department of Education to improve health
9 and wellness in public schools. The DOH will continue to support efforts to prevent heart
10 attacks across the state.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

12 **Offered Amendments:** None

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Submitted on: 3/24/2021 11:56:38 AM
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jessanie Marques	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a Kupuna, retired nurse and Emergency Medical Technician, living in the rural underserved community of Ka'u, we have limited access to health care and emergency medical services, because of our vast geographical location 921 sq. miles. We have one emergency room facility located in Pahala, one Federally Qualified Health Clinic located in Naalehu and three Fire Dept. Units. Our community is comprised of farmers, ranchers, schools, retirees who have limited access to healthcare in case of emergencies such as heart attack, stroke or other trauma.

It is important that CPR is offered for FREE and available, to public schools, individuals, civic and community based organizations, coffee and macadamia nut farmers, and minority populations because they will be the first responders at home, in the field / farms, the beach or in schools.

Passage of SCR33 is critical and your support would benefit rural, underserved communities.

Mahalo

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Submitted on: 3/24/2021 12:07:20 PM

Testimony for HTH on 3/24/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anthony Gionson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in support of SCR37, requesting the Department of Health report on CPR instruction being offered throughout state departments.

As a retired retail worker, my employer offered CPR training to us regularly. Thankfully I never needed to use it, but it helped me feel safer knowing that I could help someone in need, and my coworkers could help me if I needed it. It makes sense to have state workers have this training just in case. And with the size of the state workforce, it would really make a difference in our community.

Mahalo for your support.

Anthony Gionson

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Submitted on: 3/24/2021 12:12:23 PM
Testimony for HTH on 3/24/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kirstin Kahaloa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in support of SCR37, requesting the Department of Health report on CPR instruction being offered throughout state departments.

On Hawai'i Island, emergency medical assistance is sometimes more than 30 minutes away – the amount of time it takes to train someone to perform life-saving CPR. Since state workers are throughout the island – park caretakers in Ka'Å«, rangers on Maunakea, highway workers in Kohala, the list goes on – they can play a major role in saving lives.

Mahalo for your support.

Kirstin Kahaloa

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Submitted on: 3/24/2021 12:12:36 PM
Testimony for HTH on 3/24/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Banning Ramirez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please recognize that I am in support of SCR37/SR26.

As a trained CPR professional, I feel that it is absolutely necessary for our local government officials to not only recognize those who are also certified, but also keep written information on all local CPR professionals up to date and hold them accountable should anything happen.

Mahalo again for the support and time to review my testimony in support of this matter.

Mahalo,

Banning Ramirez, Kalaoa, Big Island, Hawai'i

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Over the last 40 years I have been working in the medical profession in the State of Hawai'i and spent 10 of those years in the Marshall Islands working with the U.S. Public Health Service. I have been working with in the area of health disparities research for 25 years, and am intimately involved with training and developing primary care physicians for Hawai'i. Although brief, through this testimony, as an individual resident of Hawaii with expertise in these areas, I am in full support of this resolution as it will provide equitable resources of underserved and isolated communities throughout the State of Hawai'i.

Please contact me at any time should you have any further questions.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Tito Gapelu	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am expressing support for SCR 37 to improve cardiopulmonary resuscitation throughout the state departments and provide a healthier workforce.

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Submitted on: 3/24/2021 12:33:18 PM
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Miyana Tohara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Keohokalole and members of the committee, thank your for the opportunity to testify on my behalf. I believe this would help the whole island, as many parts of the island are desolate and would benefit from more people being educated in CPR. My mother is a trained CNA, once saved a baby across the stress from death because she knew CPR. While the many of the neighbors has already arrived on the scene, none of them know how to complete CPR manuevers. As a health profession myself, it would have been helpful when I moved back from Nevada to Hawaii, to know where all of the authorized CPR clinics were to renew my license. Thank you for yout time.

Miyana Tohara of Kailua-Kona

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Submitted on: 3/24/2021 12:47:03 PM
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elijah Aiona	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha Chair Keohokalole

It is important for all State workers to be competent in CPR. They are government officials that are surrounded by patrons who might have a medical emergency in their public buildings. It would be beneficial for them to have access to CPR training to be able to appropriately assist in the event that someone requires that type of assistance.

Mahalo for your time,

Elijah Aiona