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Comments:

I support HCR86 in encouraging all businesses to have AEDs. As we know the Airport started their program with a zero-survival rate from community cardiac arrest. Today because of public access AEDs placed every 2 minutes throughout every airport and offering free training, we have saved 82 lives leading to a 82% survival rate. The community survival rate is still very low. With hope, this bill will encourage more companies to be prepared and not fear any liability leading to more save lives.

Thank you for your support,

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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO THE  
HOUSE COMMITTEE  
ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE  
ON**

**H.C.R. NO. 86 / HR NO. 72 ENCOURAGING PRIVATE BUSINESSES WITH THIRTY OR  
MORE EMPLOYEES TO HAVE AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ON-  
SITE.**

**By  
Jeff Zuckernick**

Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.

I strongly support H.C.R. NO. 86. This resolution would encourage private businesses with 30 or more employees to have on-site automated external defibrillators (AEDs).

Research unequivocally demonstrates that the AED is not just a tool but a lifeline in sudden cardiac arrest. It's a stark reality that the chances of resuscitation dwindle by 10% for every minute someone remains without a heartbeat. In this context, the unsung hero, the Good Samaritan equipped with an AED, becomes the beacon of hope, capable of making the most profound difference in a life-or-death situation.

Consider the Danial J, Inouye Airport, where approximately 160 AEDs are strategically placed. The resuscitation rate for cardiac arrest cases at the airport is a staggering eight times higher (800%) than the rest of Honolulu. A significant 40% of those saved are airport employees. This success story is a testament to the direct correlation between the availability of AEDs, CPR training, and the potential to save lives in sudden cardiac arrest scenarios.

I had the opportunity to use one of the airport AEDs as I witnessed someone suffering from a sudden cardiac arrest. I was honored to be thanked publicly by this person and his family.

This resolution encourages businesses with over 30 employees to obtain an AED. With this, I would encourage the Committee also to consider the following:

1. To encourage these businesses to train employees in CPR and use AEDs.
2. Encourage all government agencies with 30 or more employees at one location to obtain an AED and train employees to perform CPR and use AEDs.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.