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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that of the nearly four  
2 hundred thousand people who suffer an out-of-hospital cardiac  
3 arrest in the United States each year, only ten per cent survive  
4 the episode. In Hawaii, emergency medical services teams treat  
5 nearly one thousand one hundred cases of out-of-hospital cardiac  
6 arrest each year, with only nine per cent of these victims  
7 surviving. Additionally, cities that have increased training  
8 for cardiopulmonary resuscitation have seen cardiac arrest  
9 survival rates reach up to sixty per cent.

10           The legislature further finds that over forty states and  
11 the District of Columbia have passed legislation requiring  
12 cardiopulmonary resuscitation training as a high school  
13 graduation requirement, and at least seventy-five per cent of  
14 public high school students in the United States who are  
15 graduating this year will have learned lifesaving  
16 cardiopulmonary resuscitation in their schools. By  
17 incorporating cardiopulmonary resuscitation training, which can



1 typically be completed in a single thirty-minute session, as an  
2 integral part of the health education curriculum for all  
3 students in grades nine through twelve in the State, there is  
4 less likelihood that Hawaii residents will feel helpless to act  
5 during a cardiac arrest emergency, thereby increasing the  
6 survival rates for out-of-hospital cardiac arrests.

7       Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to require public,  
8 private, and charter schools to include instruction in  
9 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the Heimlich maneuver in their  
10 health education curriculum required for graduation for students  
11 in grades nine through twelve.

12       SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by adding a new section to part I, subpart B, to be  
14 appropriately designated and to read as follows:

15       "§302A-       Cardiopulmonary resuscitation education;  
16 Heimlich maneuver education. (a) Beginning with the 2025-2026  
17 school year, the department shall provide thirty minutes of  
18 instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and training in the  
19 proper performance of the Heimlich maneuver to high school  
20 students, which shall be included in at least one health  
21 education class required for graduation.



- 1        (b) Instruction provided under this section shall:
- 2        (1) Include hands-on practicing of cardiopulmonary
- 3        resuscitation and automated external defibrillator
- 4        use;
- 5        (2) Include hands-on practicing of the Heimlich maneuver;
- 6        and
- 7        (3) Be in congruence with current, nationally recognized,
- 8        evidence-based emergency care guidelines.

9        (c) Instruction provided under this section may be taught  
10 by persons who:

- 11        (1) Are not licensed teachers, but who are formally
- 12        trained to provide the instruction, including
- 13        volunteers from the community; or
- 14        (2) Are licensed teachers but who are not formally trained
- 15        to provide the instruction.

16        (d) A public school may waive the requirement for  
17 instruction provided under this section for any student who is  
18 unable to participate in hands-on practicing of cardiopulmonary  
19 resuscitation or the Heimlich maneuver by reasons of disability.

20        (e) A local agency, entity of the State or local  
21 government, or other public or private organization that

1 sponsors, authorizes, supports, finances, or supervises the  
2 instruction of students in compression-only cardiopulmonary  
3 resuscitation, the use of an automated external defibrillator,  
4 or instruction of the Heimlich maneuver shall not be liable for  
5 any civil damages alleged to result from the acts or omissions  
6 of an individual who received the instruction.

7 (f) A public employee or private school employee who  
8 provides or facilitates the instruction of students in  
9 compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation, the use of an  
10 automated external defibrillator, or instruction of the Heimlich  
11 maneuver shall not be liable for any civil damages alleged to  
12 result from the acts or omissions of an individual who received  
13 the instruction."

14 SECTION 3. Chapter 302C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
16 and to read as follows:

17 **"§302C- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation education;**  
18 **Heimlich maneuver education.** (a) Beginning with the 2025-2026  
19 school year, all private schools in the State shall provide  
20 thirty minutes of instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
21 and training in the proper performance of the Heimlich maneuver



1 to high school students, which shall be included in at least one  
2 health education class required for graduation.

3 (b) Instruction provided under this section shall:

4 (1) Include hands-on practicing of cardiopulmonary  
5 resuscitation and automated external defibrillator  
6 use;

7 (2) Include hands-on practicing of the Heimlich maneuver;  
8 and

9 (3) Be in congruence with current, nationally recognized,  
10 evidence-based emergency care guidelines.

11 (c) Instruction provided under this section may be taught  
12 by persons who:

13 (1) Are not teachers, but who are formally trained to  
14 provide the instruction, including volunteers from the  
15 community; or

16 (2) Are teachers but who are not formally trained to  
17 provide the instruction.

18 (d) A private school may waive the requirement for  
19 instruction provided under this section for any student who is  
20 unable to participate in hands-on practicing of cardiopulmonary  
21 resuscitation or the Heimlich maneuver by reasons of disability.



1       (e) A local agency, entity of the State or local  
2 government, or other public or private organization that  
3 sponsors, authorizes, supports, finances, or supervises the  
4 instruction of students in compression-only cardiopulmonary  
5 resuscitation, the use of an automated external defibrillator,  
6 or instruction of the Heimlich maneuver shall not be liable for  
7 any civil damages alleged to result from the acts or omissions  
8 of an individual who received the instruction.

9       (f) A public employee or private school employee who  
10 provides or facilitates the instruction of students in  
11 compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation, the use of an  
12 automated external defibrillator, or instruction of the Heimlich  
13 maneuver shall not be liable for any civil damages alleged to  
14 result from the acts or omissions of an individual who received  
15 the instruction."

16       SECTION 4. Chapter 302D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
18 and to read as follows:

19       "§302D-     Cardiopulmonary resuscitation education;  
20 Heimlich maneuver education. (a) Beginning with the 2025-2026  
21 school year, all public charter schools shall provide thirty



1 minutes of instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and  
2 training in the proper performance of the Heimlich maneuver to  
3 high school students, which shall be included in at least one  
4 health education class required for graduation.

5 (b) Instruction provided under this section shall:

6 (1) Include hands-on practicing of cardiopulmonary  
7 resuscitation and automated external defibrillator  
8 use;

9 (2) Include hands-on practicing of the Heimlich maneuver;  
10 and

11 (3) Be in congruence with current, nationally recognized,  
12 evidence-based emergency care guidelines.

13 (c) Instruction provided under this section may be taught  
14 by persons who:

15 (1) Are not licensed teachers, but who are formally  
16 trained to provide the instruction, including  
17 volunteers from the community; or

18 (2) Are licensed teachers but who are not formally trained  
19 to provide the instruction.

20 (d) A public charter school may waive the requirement for  
21 instruction provided under this section for any student who is



1 unable to participate in hands-on practicing of cardiopulmonary  
2 resuscitation or the Heimlich maneuver by reasons of disability.

3 (e) A local agency, entity of the State or local  
4 government, or other public or private organization that  
5 sponsors, authorizes, supports, finances, or supervises the  
6 instruction of students in compression-only cardiopulmonary  
7 resuscitation, the use of an automated external defibrillator,  
8 or instruction of the Heimlich maneuver shall not be liable for  
9 any civil damages alleged to result from the acts or omissions  
10 of an individual who received the instruction.

11 (f) A public employee or private school employee who  
12 provides or facilitates the instruction of students in  
13 compression-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation, the use of an  
14 automated external defibrillator, or instruction of the Heimlich  
15 maneuver shall not be liable for any civil damages alleged to  
16 result from the acts or omissions of an individual who received  
17 the instruction."

18 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:







# S.B. NO. 2420

**Report Title:**

Department of Education; Public Schools; Public Charter Schools; Private Schools; High School Graduation Requirements; Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation; Heimlich Maneuver; Health Education

**Description:**

Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, requires all public, private, and charter schools in the State to include thirty minutes of instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and training in the proper performance of the Heimlich maneuver in their health education curriculum required for graduation for students in grades 9-12. Specifies instruction requirements. Waives liability for instruction under certain circumstances.

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