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WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
OF  
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TO THE  
**COMMITTEE ON LABOR & GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

FEBRUARY 2, 2024, 9:30 A.M.  
CONFERENCE ROOM 309 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

H.B. 2330

RELATING TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED).

Chair Matayoshi, Vice Chair Garrett, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 2330.

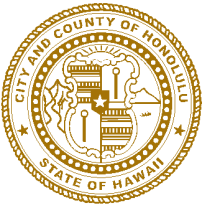
The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent and offers comments on H.B. 2330, which requires that, by no later than January 1, 2025, the department installs and maintains AED in all state buildings and provide trainings on the use of AED for certain state employees and security staff.

DAGS offers these comments:

- Requests a pilot program to be implemented first at the State Capitol, with AED installation and training for the required staff in the Office of the Governor, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, and State Legislature by June 30, 2025.

- Requests an appropriation of \$75,000 in general revenues for the procurement, training, and installation phase at the State Capitol.
- Requests for sufficient time to evaluate and propose an implementation schedule for the remaining buildings, including the DOE, DLE and DCR facilities. This would provide for budgetary planning to properly fund the installation, training and on-going maintenance of the devices.
- Since DAGS does not own leased spaces, DAGS would not have the authority to install AED's in leased office spaces.
  - Recommend the following amendment in section 1-1: "State Building" means any building or portion thereof that is owned ~~or leased~~ by the State and is occupied by state employees.
  - DAGS could direct agencies entering into a lease to acquire, maintain and train staff on their own AED's for the leased space.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this bill.



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January 31, 2024

The Honorable Scot Z. Matayoshi, Chair  
The Honorable Andrew Takuya Garrett, Vice Chair  
And Members of the House Committee on Labor & Government Operations

Friday, February 2, 2024, 9:30 AM  
Conference Room 309 & Videoconference  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

**Subject: Strong Support of HB 2330 Relating to Automated External Defibrillators**

I am writing in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 2330 that would require the Department of Accounting and General Services to install and maintain automated external defibrillators (AED) in all state buildings, additionally requiring trainings on the use of AED for certain state employees and security staff.

As a member of the Honolulu City Council, I would like to express my gratitude to the introducers for this measure. AEDs allow for the chance to save lives for people who go into cardiac arrest. The American Heart Association states that a person's chance of surviving drops by seven to 10% every minute a normal heartbeat isn't restored, and death can result quickly if proper steps aren't taken immediately. The use of an AED combined with CPR can double or triple the person's chance of survival. No one can ever plan for a situation like going into cardiac arrest nor can we all as neighbors and citizens plan to respond to a cardiac arrest. That was such the case just last week during a Honolulu City Council Session where an AED located right outside of the Council Chambers was utilized for a person who went into cardiac arrest. AEDs are easy to use, accessible when available widely, and should be a priority, especially in public spaces or in locations where we welcome the public, like the Hawai'i State Capitol and all state buildings.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Radiant Cordero".

Radiant Cordero  
Councilmember, District VII



February 2, 2024

The Honorable Scot Z. Matayoshi, Chair  
The Honorable Andrew Takuya Garrett, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Labor & Government Operations

Re: HB 2330 – RELATING TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

Dear Chair Matayoshi, Vice Chair Garrett, and Members of the Committee:

Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2330, which requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to install and maintain automated external defibrillators (AED) in all state buildings and requires the Department to provide trainings on the use of automated external defibrillators for certain state employees and security staff.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is one of the leading causes of death in the United States, with many victims having no prior symptoms or history of heart disease. Research has shown that for each minute that passes without Defibrillation and CPR, the chance of survival from SCA decreases by 7-10%. AED's are a useful tool to provide immediate care to someone suffering from a sudden cardiac episode, that has proven to be effective and safe when combined with proper training. By placing AED's in public buildings, the state could potentially save countless lives.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,

Dawn Kurisu  
Assistant Vice President  
Community and Government Relations

**HB-2330**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 2:42:21 PM

Testimony for LGO on 2/2/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jeffrey c Goodman	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

**HB-2330 - RELATING TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS**

**My name is Jeff Goodman, M.D. I have been a physician on the North Shore of Kauai for 52 years.**

**I strongly recommend passage of SB 2306.**

**Each year, almost 1,700 Hawaii citizens will be victims of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA). Less than 10% of SCA victims will survive. It is the leading cause of death in Hawaii.**

**SCA can only be treated by CPR and shock from an AED. If treated immediately, survival can be 6-7 times greater than our current, unacceptable level.**

Waiting for the First Responders to arrive to resuscitate the SCA victim is NOT the answer. Bystanders including family members, colleagues and friends must know how to administer CPR and use an AED (defibrillator).

Approximately 40% of SCA victims receive CPR from bystanders. The trained CPR bystander shouts, “Call 911” and “find an AED (defibrillator)”. But there are no AEDs to be found and no one knows where they are located. Every minute without resuscitation results in 10% decrease in survival. In 5 minutes the survival rate drops one half.

In 2016, The Rotary Club of Hanalei Bay started a program to provide AEDs on the island of Kauai. Since 2016 the project has:

- - Provided 50 AEDs on the island of Kauai.
  - Trained over 300 individuals in CPR and the use of AEDs.
  - Provided AEDs to all six Public Libraries on Kauai
  - Facilitated the procurement of multiple AEDs to independent facilities including 2 libraries of Oahu.

Regardless of this Community Service work in the private sector, **THE SURVIVAL RATE HAS NOT IMPROVED!** Indeed, many lives have been saved, but most victims still do not

survive. These efforts, though valiant, are not enough. We need the strength of our Hawaiian legislative oversight to allow this House Bill to provide immediate access to AEDs and training.

AEDs must be available throughout the community and public awareness of their location must be common knowledge. Bystander CPR training is imperative to improve the chances for SCA survival.

I know where to find an AED anywhere on Kauai. I have an AED in my home.

Do You???

Jeffrey C. Goodman, M.D.

**HB-2330**

Submitted on: 1/31/2024 8:39:35 PM

Testimony for LGO on 2/2/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Carolyn Lauro	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I believe HB2330 is very important.and should be supported.

**HB-2330**

Submitted on: 2/1/2024 7:21:55 AM

Testimony for LGO on 2/2/2024 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Arnold Serota	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Dear Representatives Nakamura, Matayoshi, and other members of the Hawai'i House of Representatives:

I wholly support HB2330. I am a retired physician who has been living in Hawai'i for the past 22 years. Since my graduation from medical school in 1974, I have witnessed and have been involved in dozens of cardiac arrest situations, many of which were treated successfully. This success is a direct result of training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and the immediate use of an automated external defibrillator (AED).

There is very little doubt that proper placement of AEDs, possibly other lifesaving equipment (where appropriate), and public education will save lives. This has been shown time and time again in multiple municipalities. Recently, this was demonstrated during a Honolulu City Council Meeting.

There are two main goals of this proposed legislation: obtaining and maintaining the necessary equipment (AEDs and possibly other lifesaving equipment) and a vigorous program of public education. The first goal is straightforward and involves determining the number of units required. The second goal is a bit more complicated. By utilizing already existing proprietary educational devices, such as the curricula supported by the American Heart Association and the American Red Cross, the cost of certification (and recertification two years later) could be both time and cost restrictive.

A public/private partnership could be established through State Agencies (such as the Hawai'i Department of Health, the Department of Education, the John Burns School of Medicine etc.), and community service organizations (the various Hawai'i Rotary and Lions Clubs, etc.). This would provide a corps of State employees and volunteers trained in CPR/AED instruction. This education could be tailor made for Hawai'i residents and could thus be more effective than existing programs. Continuing education could be administered fairly easily through email and remote e-meetings to all who participate in this program. Successful examples of such collaboration include Kauai's rescue tube program started in 2008 and Rotary Club of Hanalei's Heart of Gold Program, which has installed AEDs in all Kauai public libraries and other locations.

Proper CPR training should be mandatory for all high school students. Hawai'i is one of a handful of States that do not require CPR training for high school graduation and mandates



AEDs be available in schools and universities. CPR training could easily be incorporated into both the Science (didactic portion) and physical education (hands-on) curricula of our high schools. Let us not forget that the majority of cardiac arrests occur at home and at work. Such a program would multiply our “first responders” by a hundredfold.

Let us be proactive and not reactive where these measures are concerned. We have a responsibility to the public in making Hawai'i a safer place to live.

Mahalo nui loa, Arnold Serota, MD.