
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§302A- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation education. (a)
5 Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, the department shall
6 provide and include in at least one health education class
7 required for high school graduation, instruction in
8 cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

9 (b) Instruction provided under this section shall:

10 (1) Include hands-on practice of cardiopulmonary
11 resuscitation; and

12 (2) Be congruent with current, nationally recognized,
13 evidence-based emergency care guidelines.

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



- 1 (1) Are not licensed teachers, but who are formally
2 trained to provide the instruction, including
3 volunteers from the community; or
- 4 (2) Are licensed teachers; provided that licensed teachers
5 shall not require formal training to provide the
6 instruction.
- 7 (d) Any public school may waive the requirement for
8 instruction provided under this section for any student who is
9 unable to participate in the hands-on practice of
10 cardiopulmonary resuscitation due to a disability.
- 11 (e) No entity of the State or a county government, public
12 organization, or private organization that sponsors, authorizes,
13 supports, finances, or supervises the instruction of students in
14 cardiopulmonary resuscitation under this section shall be liable
15 for any civil damages alleged to result from the acts or
16 omissions of an individual who received the instruction.
- 17 (f) No public employee who provides or facilitates the
18 instruction of students in cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall
19 be liable for any civil damages alleged to result from the acts
20 or omissions of an individual who received the instruction."



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 302C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§302C- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation education. (a)
5 Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, each private school in
6 the State shall provide and include in at least one health
7 education class required for high school graduation, instruction
8 in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

9 (b) Instruction provided under this section shall:

10 (1) Include the hands-on practice of cardiopulmonary
11 resuscitation; and

12 (2) Be congruent with current, nationally recognized,
13 evidence-based emergency care guidelines.

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

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

19 (2) Are teachers; provided that teachers shall not require
20 formal training to provide the instruction.



1 (d) Any private school may waive the requirement for
2 instruction provided under this section for any student who is
3 unable to participate in the hands-on practice of
4 cardiopulmonary resuscitation due to a disability.

5 (e) No entity of the State or a county government, public
6 organization, or private organization that sponsors,
7 authorizes, supports, finances, or supervises the instruction of
8 students in cardiopulmonary resuscitation under this section
9 shall be liable for any civil damages alleged to result from the
10 acts or omissions of an individual who received the instruction.

11 (f) No public employee or private school employee who
12 provides or facilitates the instruction of students in
13 cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall be liable for any civil
14 damages alleged to result from the acts or omissions of an
15 individual who received the instruction."

16 SECTION 3. 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. (a)
20 Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, each public charter
21 school shall provide and include in at least one health



1 education class required for high school graduation, instruction
2 in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

3 (b) Instruction provided under this section shall:

4 (1) Include hands-on practice of cardiopulmonary
5 resuscitation; and

6 (2) Be congruent with current, nationally recognized,
7 evidence-based emergency care guidelines.

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

10 (1) Are not licensed teachers, but who are formally
11 trained to provide the instruction, including
12 volunteers from the community; or

13 (2) Are licensed teachers; provided that licensed teachers
14 shall not require formal training to provide the
15 instruction.

16 (d) Any public charter school may waive the requirement
17 for instruction provided under this section for any student who
18 is unable to participate in the hands-on practice of
19 cardiopulmonary resuscitation due to a disability.

20 (e) No entity of the State or a county government, public
21 organization, or private organization that sponsors, authorizes,



1 supports, finances, or supervises the instruction of students in
2 cardiopulmonary resuscitation-under this section shall be liable
3 for any civil damages alleged to result from the acts or
4 omissions of an individual who received the instruction.

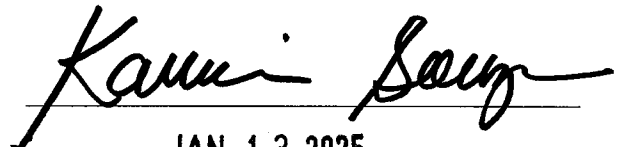
5 (f) No public employee who provides or facilitates the
6 instruction of students in cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall
7 be liable for any civil damages alleged to result from the acts
8 or omissions of an individual who received the instruction."

9 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation; CPR; Health Education; Public Schools; Private Schools; Charter Schools

Description:

Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, requires each public, private, and charter school in the State to establish a program within the health education curriculum for high school students to provide instruction in CPR. Specifies instruction requirements. Waives liability for instruction under certain circumstances.

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