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S.B. 92

RELATING TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED)

Chairs Wakai and McKelvey, Vice Chairs Chang and Gabbard, and Members of the Committees, thank you for the opportunity to testify on S.B. 92.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the intent and offers **comments** on S.B. 92, which requires that, by no later than January 1, 2026, the department install an AED in every state building, provide required certified training to all its noted employees and employees and security staff, and to maintain these devices.

DAGS also offers these comments:

- DAGS does not manage and/or control all state facilities. As such, we would suggest clarifying language be added to ensure that, for non-DAGS managed

facilities, the responsibility of training and maintenance will be with the department, agency, and/or branch of government that has control over the facility.

- 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 January 1, 2027.
- Requests an appropriation in the amount of \$75,000 in general revenues for the procurement, training, and installation phase at the State Capitol.
- For the remaining buildings, DAGS would need to initiate a study that would help us to determine where AEDs should be installed and the number of AEDs needed. As DAGS does not manage and/or control all state facilities, we would request that the legislation clarify our authority to access non-DAGS state facilities and to install these units in non-DAGS managed facilities such as those under the Department of Education, the Department of Law Enforcement, and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. We anticipate that the study would also identify the costs associated with this initiative which would be utilized in a future funding request. DAGS requests a cash appropriation of \$250,000 to perform this study and will provide a report to the legislature on January 1, 2027, the findings of the study and the cost to implement this program.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this bill.



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**American Heart Association Testimony for Senate Bill 92
"Relating to Emergency Medical Response"**

The American Heart Association (AHA) is pleased to **support the intent** of Senate Bill 92, which requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to install and maintain automated external defibrillators (AED) in all state buildings, including all public schools, establish a Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP), provide necessary training, and work with the emergency service providers of each county to integrate the CERP into the county's emergency service provider protocols.

More than 350,000 people experience cardiac arrest outside of a hospital each year and only about 1 in 10 survive. Early intervention that includes CPR and restoration of normal heart rhythm with the use of an AED increases the chance of survival. During cardiac arrest, CPR can double or triple a person's chance of survival and about 9 in 10 cardiac arrest victims who receive a shock from an AED in the first minute live.

The AHA recommends key policies to increase survival rates from sudden cardiac arrest. These policies include awareness and education to have cardiac emergency response plans in place, CPR education and AED training and accessibility.

We believe Senate Bill 92 is an important step to meeting these objectives.

Mahalo,

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