



Testimony in support of HB 3135
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The American Heart Association's (AHA) mission is to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke. Increasing public awareness and supporting policies that encourage bystander CPR including Adult, Child and infant CPR and AED training is a top priority for the American Heart Association. As such we support the training of all Oregon teachers in this life-saving skill.

The use of CPR dates all the way back to 1740, yet even today, most Americans don't know how to perform it. Given properly and immediately, CPR can save lives.

Child CPR differs from adult CPR. While most cases requiring adult CPR are due to sudden cardiac arrest, the need for child and infant CPR is most often in response respiratory arrest, drowning or choking. It is important that teachers are trained in the correct response to an emergency.

Oregon has already taken strides in raising awareness of SCA and AED use. In 2005 the Oregon Legislature passed HB 3482 which established a grant program to provide AEDs in at least two public school facilities in each school district. The bill authorized the Oregon Department of Education to seek funds and assistance from the United States Government and its agencies or from any other source, public or private, for the establishment of a grant program. This law also contains a Good Samaritan clause which protects well intentioned citizens using an AED in aid of another from potential lawsuits from any resulting injury.

The legislature also passed SB 1033 in 2010 which requires each school campus in a school district to have at least one AED on the premises. Schools are required to comply with this law by January 1, 2015.



Taking the next step to require that all teachers be trained in the appropriate response to an emergency is critical to saving lives. As such we support HB 3135 in its efforts to make sure all children are safe. Thank you and I'm happy to respond to any questions.