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OCEP Statement of Support

SB 79, CPR training for students

Chair Doherty and members of the committee, my name is Katy King and I'm submitting this statement of support on behalf of OCEP, the Oregon Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians. OCEP is a medical society that has represented physicians specializing in emergency medicine since 1971 and its members share a commitment to improve emergency healthcare for all Oregonians.

OCEP supports SB 79. This bill requires school district to provide instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and uses of automated external defibrillators.

Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest claims the lives of 3,000 Oregonians each year.

Studies show that bystander CPR is one of the critical determinants in surviving out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. And cities that have the highest such survival rates, also have mandatory, Hands-On CPR training as part of the K-12 curriculum.

It doesn't take much: As little as 20 minutes of hands-on CPR training — in total — can help increase community CPR rates.

Bystander CPR is a critical component in the chain-of-survival for Out-of-Hospital cardiac arrest. And this bill could vastly increase the percentage of trained bystanders in our communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I'd be pleased to answer any questions.