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January 22, 2023

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President
and Members of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker
and Members of the House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Hawaii State Department of Education Annual Report on Critical Emergency
Response Pilot

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

For your information and consideration, a copy of the report, Critical Emergency Response Pilot is being transmitted, pursuant to Act 143, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023. In accordance with Section 93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the report may also be viewed electronically at:
<https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/VisionForSuccess/SchoolDataAndReports/StateReports/Pages/Legislative-reports.aspx>

Should you have any questions, please contact Ken Kakesako, Director of the Policy, Innovation, Planning and Evaluation Branch, Office of Strategy, Innovation and Performance, via email at ken.kakesako@k12.hi.us or by phone at (808) 282-3430.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Keith T. Hayashi".

Keith T. Hayashi
Superintendent

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Critical Emergency Response Pilot

December 2023

Act 143, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2023, requires the Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) to report on the Critical Emergency Response Pilot before the 2024 Hawaii State Legislature. The report should identify whether the pilot program should be extended or expanded to include all department schools within the State.

Critical Emergency Response Pilot

Act 143, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, established a one-year critical emergency response pilot program within the Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) and required a report on the critical emergency response pilot before the 2024 Hawaii State Legislature.

The Department appreciates the funding and legal protections provided by the Hawaii State Legislature for the critical emergency response pilot program. The pilot provides participating schools with training in areas, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and also supplies equipment, which includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation manikins, automated external defibrillators, disposable lungs, cleaning supplies, and cases. The training and equipment help schools to be prepared in the event of an emergency on campus. The Department's goal is to teach entire grade levels of students about timely recognition of an emergency, activate the 911 system, and apply life-saving treatments, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation techniques. As more individuals are trained at the school level, it increases the likelihood of positive interventions and outcomes in emergency cases.

In the initial phase of the pilot, cardiopulmonary resuscitation training will be provided at two Central Oahu schools. The training consists of an American Heart Association 35- to 40-minute cardiopulmonary resuscitation course for faculty and students, which involves hands-on cardiopulmonary resuscitation practice. The American Red Cross will also provide instruction as another option for students wanting to receive more in-depth cardiopulmonary resuscitation training. This training provides practical awareness and immediate action to recognize an emergency, call 911, ask someone to get the automated external defibrillator and begin chest compressions until professional help arises.

The Department is currently in the process of contracting with a third-party vendor to provide additional support to continue its efforts in providing critical emergency response services as part of the one-year pilot program.

The Department recommends a modest expansion of the program, if additional funding is appropriated to train all schools Statewide. Additional funding will also be required to train schools on an ongoing basis to sustain this practice.