

Submitter: Samuel Adamson

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2529

Honorable Committee Members,

My name is Sam Adamson. I am a junior across the street at Willamette University, and I am here to testify in support of House Bill 2529. I am testifying as someone who has lost people close to me from cardiac arrest and has since been an advocate in mental and heart health for my community and friends around me.

Schools are a major resource for the community– it is a public resource that many people gather around. I know my parents and grandparents have gone to multiple school games to watch me play as part of the marching band for basketball games and football games hosted at the school. The point is, many people enter the school building on a daily basis. As such, it is important that these places have resources for inevitable emergencies like heart attacks. Even more important is that AEDs remain accessible at a moment's notice.

This is why House Bill 2529 is important for the Oregon public. Under House Bill 2529, Oregon will designate \$2 million to public schools and private charter schools to have AEDs on standby and accessible, along with a plan for people who need it to be able to get to it with clear instructions. In a heart attack, every second matters. This bill will assure that Oregonians will have the best chance of survival inside the walls of schools.

I urge the committee to vote yes on House Bill 2529.

Sam Adamson
503-219-9429