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Testimony of Laura Hale
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Favorable HB 276 State Emergency Medical Services Board - Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program - Revisions

Dear Chair Bagnall, Vice Chair Cullison, and Honorable Members of the Health Committee,

Thank you for your time and consideration. The American Heart Association extends its support to HB 276 State Emergency Medical Services Board - Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program - Revisions. My name is Laura Hale and I am the Director of Government Relations for the American Heart Association.

Cardiac arrests can happen anywhere, and having AED's readily accessible in public space can make the difference between life and death. We appreciate the thoughtful ways the code has been updated and the drive to increase access to AEDs. Every minute counts when a sudden cardiac arrest happens, having easy access for the public as well as sudden cardiac plans in place can save a life.

The American Heart Association urges a favorable report on HB 276.