

## AED BILL OPPOSITION

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10. Opposition. This bill is also opposed by the Rescue Training Institute, which states that it is not a good approach to providing CPR and AED in the community by expecting a non-trained employee or bystander to retrieve, deploy, apply and utilize the AED to safely defibrillate a patient in sudden cardiac arrest. Only through approved national training programs can one learn how to confidently and competently perform CPR and utilize an AED. The Rescue Training Institute also opposes the repeal of the monthly inspection requirement and the requirement that the AED be checked after each use.

11. Oppose unless amended. Consumer Attorneys of California (CAC) opposes this bill unless it is amended to keep important training and maintenance protections. According to CAC, current law provides an AED acquirer with qualified immunity if specific requirements are complied with, which include proper maintenance and testing of the AED and assurance that trained employees are available to respond to an emergency. CAC asserts that keeping these safeguards intact is necessary to ensure that AEDs can be as effective as possible in the event of sudden cardiac arrest. CAC cites a CDC report, which states that public access defibrillation programs in many

states "are at risk of failure because critical elements such as maintenance, medical oversight, emergency medical service notification, and continuous quality improvement are not required." CAC also states that this bill deletes requirements that the AED be checked at least once every 30 days, and would instead only require a check every year. According to CAC, the most common cause for an AED malfunctioning is a dead battery, and that the existing requirement to check an AED monthly ensures that a faulty battery can be caught early and remedied.