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## **LD 984, An Act to Require Every State and Municipal Building to Have at Least One Automated External Defibrillator**

Sponsored by Sen. Marianne Moore  
*Before the Joint State Committee on State and Local Government*

Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and esteemed members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government: I am Anya Trundy, a Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, and I am providing testimony today Neither For Nor Against LD 984.

The bill before you is straightforward in nature and intent: it requires the Bureau of General Services (BGS) to ensure that each State building is outfitted with at least one Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and would extend the same requirement to municipal buildings. The Department is supportive of the bill's aim to ensure that lifesaving equipment is available in the unfortunate event that an employee or visitor in a State facility were to experience a cardiac arrest, however we must identify the cost of implementing this bill.

First, the term "state buildings" can be interpreted quite broadly, so the estimated fiscal impact of the bill will depend on how "state buildings" are defined. DAFS would inquire whether the Committee intends for the bill to apply beyond Executive Branch facilities to the Legislative Branch, Judicial Branch, the University System, the Community College System, Maine Maritime Academy, and quasi-governmental entities. For the purposes of this testimony, we have used the State property list maintained by the Office of Risk Management to identify "office" uses throughout the State as occupied by all branches of government and higher education institutions. This list does not distinguish between and cannot be filtered by owned v. leased spaces—it consists of 615 locations. The cost of an individual AED ranges anywhere from \$1,200 to \$2,000, so we used a median price of \$1,500 to estimate a cost of \$922,500 to purchase AEDs for all 615 locations. This figure does not include any additional costs associated with installation or ongoing maintenance and replacement costs.

The batteries that power each device require regular inspection and replacement; the pads are lined with an adhesive gel that degrades over time and have an expiration date; and there is device software which must be periodically updated. Service contracts would be required to maintain the number of AEDs envisioned by this bill.

Presently, there are AEDs present in some State facilities at the request of individual agencies; the agencies are also responsible for the expense and routine maintenance for those AEDs. BGS would need to conduct a preliminary inventory to determine the exact number of AEDs which are already placed in State buildings, and whether there are existing service contracts in place. For the State's approximately 250 leased spaces, the requirement that an AED be furnished will need to be incorporated into the lease terms and the cost would be incorporated into the rent.

In summary, DAFS supports the inclusion of AEDs in State buildings, but would suggest given the cost of implementing the bill as written, that the Committee may want to amend the bill to prioritize certain State buildings based upon such factors as routine occupancy and whether open to the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, I am happy to answer questions from the Committee.