

House Health & Insurance  
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HB22-1251 Cardiac Arrest Management  
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Doug Schwartz For Self	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>I am writing in support of House Health and Insurance HB22-1251 (Cardiac Arrest Management).</p> <p>My name is Doug Schwartz, and I am a 51 year old cardiac arrest survivor that had the great fortune of being revived by a nearby public access defibrillator.</p> <p>In July of 2021, while sitting in a restaurant in Edwards CO, I passed out and slumped under the table. My girlfriend who is a Vail Health RN started CPR immediately along with the help of a Beaver Creek ski patroller. A patron ran around the corner and grabbed the public access defibrillator that was provided by local non-profit Starting Hearts and Vail Health. I received 2 shocks from the AED before the paramedics arrived and today have recovered very well due to the speed with which I received quality CPR and the AED being utilized.</p> <p>Knowing where an AED is located is vital for the public to be able to find and access these devices. I whole-heartedly support this bill as it would help establish necessary resources for people to locate and administer an AED in a life saving time frame.</p> <p>By helping to educate everyday people in CPR training and AED use, this bill will benefit those that don't have medical professionals nearby. Any of us can save a life with this training and these devices. I am, gratefully, living proof of the benefit of public access defibrillators.</p> <p>Thank you for your support of this bill.</p>