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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING HAWAIIAN AIRLINES TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION TO  
DISALLOW THE TRANSPORT OF LIFE SAVING ORGANS FOR ORGAN  
TRANSPLANTS ON ITS FLIGHTS.

1           WHEREAS, over ninety-one thousand people in the United  
2 States are waiting for a life-saving organ transplant and a new  
3 name is added to the national wait list every thirteen minutes;  
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6           WHEREAS, almost four hundred people in Hawaii are waiting  
7 for a life-saving organ transplant; and

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9           WHEREAS, on average, Hawaii patients must wait from two to  
10 nine years to obtain an organ transplant, depending on blood  
11 type, and more than one person in Hawaii dies each month while  
12 waiting for an organ transplant; and

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14           WHEREAS, one donor can donate up to eight healthy organs  
15 for transplant; and

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17           WHEREAS, the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii is the federally  
18 designated organ procurement organization serving the State of  
19 Hawaii; and

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21           WHEREAS, staff of the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii must  
22 travel to seventeen acute care hospitals on all islands in the  
23 State to recover organs for transplant; and

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25           WHEREAS, the sooner an organ can be transplanted, the  
26 better the outcome for the transplant recipient; and

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28           WHEREAS, airline transportation is an integral part in the  
29 timely transport of life-saving organs between the islands of  
30 the State, as well as and to and from the continental United  
31 States; and

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33           WHEREAS, all airlines serving Hawaii, except Hawaiian  
34 Airlines, are willing to transport organs for transplant; now,  
35 therefore,



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 2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 3 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 4 of 2006, that Hawaiian Airlines is requested to reconsider its  
 5 decision to disallow the transport of life saving organs for  
 6 organ transplants on its flights; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 9 Resolution be transmitted to the President and Chief Executive  
 10 Officer of Hawaiian Airlines, the Executive Director of the  
 11 Organ Donor Center, and the Director of Health.

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 13 OFFERED BY: Polype P. Abinsay, Jr.

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