

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3339

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B.-No. 2139
H.D. 2
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
H.B. No. 2139, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ANATOMICAL GIFTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is enact the Revised Uniform
Anatomical Gift Act to conform to the 2006 Uniform Anatomical Gift
Act law enacted in other states.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, National
Kidney Foundation of Hawaii, and Organ Donor Center of Hawaii.
Comments were received from The Queen's Medical Center.

The State's current law on anatomical gifts was enacted by
Act 267, Session Laws of Hawaii 1988, which is now superseded by
an updated and revised 2006 Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, which is
the foundation for successful organ donation throughout the United
States. This measure provides an important update to reflect the
current system of allocations of organs for transplantation and to
help increase available organs and tissues for transplantation
that will serve to save the lives of many individuals on organ
donor waitlists.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Clarifying the role of the attending physician in making decisions concerning medical suitability of the part, on the recommendation of The Queen's Medical Center; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050 to continue the discussions on this matter.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2139, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2139, H.D. 2, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



