



January 22, 2008

Representative Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Representative John Mizuno, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Conference Room 329  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: H.B. No. 2366 – Relating to the Organ Donor Registry

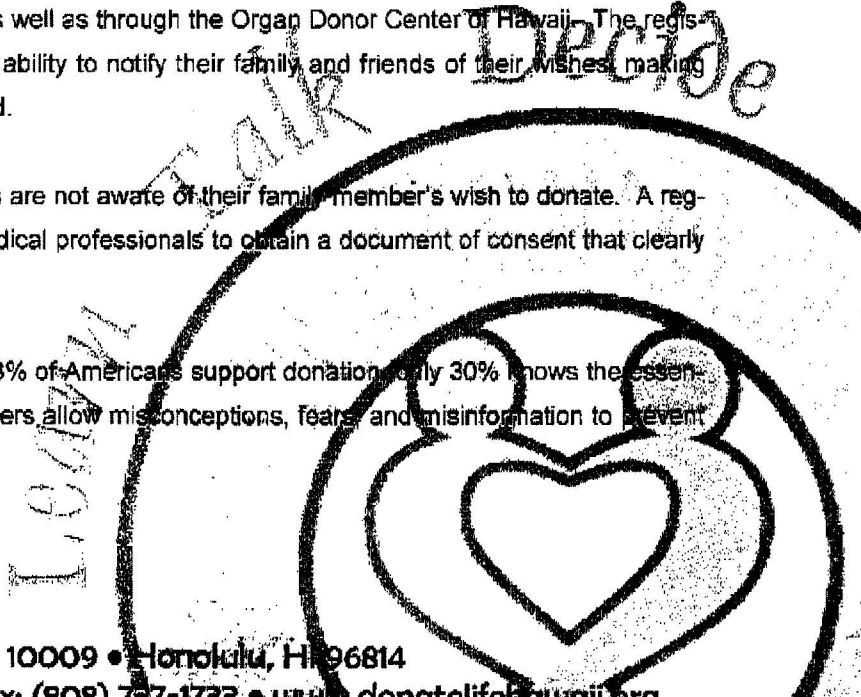
Dear Chairman Green, Vice Chair Mizuno and members of the House Committee on Health:

I am Glen Hayashida, CEO, National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii (NKFH) and member of the Hawaii Coalition on Donation. It is my privilege to support HB 2366.

An established Donor Registry will give the people of Hawaii the opportunity to sign-up to be donors and have access to their information online as well as through the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii. The registry will give organ and tissue donors the ability to notify their family and friends of their wishes, making their decision to donate a matter of record.

Often family members of potential donors are not aware of their family member's wish to donate. A registry will allow donors and authorized medical professionals to obtain a document of consent that clearly states the donor's wishes.

National research shows that although 98% of Americans support donation, only 30% knows the essential steps to take to become a donor. Others allow misconceptions, fears, and misinformation to prevent them from making a decision.



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This Donor Registry will make it easier for the public to sign up to become an organ and tissue donor. It will also aid in making an organ donor's wishes more clearly known to their family members and loved ones.

Thank you for your consideration.

## May Mizuno

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**Subject:** HB RELATING TO ORGAN DONOR REGISTRY  
**HB 2366**

My name is Lynne V. Gutierrez, immediate past president of Oahu Filipino Community Council, a special education teacher and a current member of the Bayanihan/Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Advisory Board. I am appealing for your full support of this bill for the following reason:

- 1) to save the life of critically ill patients who needs organ transplant
- 2) help increase the supply of the critically needed organs for transplant
- 3) to conform with some states that has already this bill
- 4) to help ease the burden of these patients waiting for organs needed.

"It may not be yourself who need it but maybe someone there you related or you know needs it in the future" Please support and pass this bill.

**YOU ARE APPRECIATED AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN EVERYTHING YOU DO.**

Lynne V. Gutierrez

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2008  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

Wednesday, January 23, 2008  
8:00 AM Room 329, State Capitol

**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB2366  
By Stephen A. Kula, Ph.D., NHA  
Executive Director, Organ Donor Center of Hawaii**

My name is Steve Kula; I am the Executive Director of the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii. I am here to give testimony in strong support of HB2366. We believe that this Bill would save lives and provide needed assistance to the citizens of our State who wish to be donors and help someone in need of an organ transplant. Currently in the State of Hawaii more people are added to the organ transplant waitlist than are able to be transplanted off of it. In the past few years we have been declining in the number of donors and thus the number of organs and transplantations. Consequently more patients are dying while on the waitlist or being removed because they are too sick to be transplanted.

We believe that our community should be a society where people see organ donation as a social responsibility. In such a society, donating organs would be accepted as a normal part of dying, and in cases where a person died without recording a specific choice about donating his or her organs, the surviving family members would be comfortable giving permission. To achieve this there must be some mechanism for everyone to access information and be given the opportunity to give an informed consent to donate their organs so that others might live.

Organ donor designation on Hawaii driver's licenses has shown to have significant impact in predisposing potential donor families to consent for donation, where 94% of families consented to donation when their loved one had indicated so on his or her Hawaii driver's license as compared to an overall consent rate of less than 50%. If this bill is enacted we would be able to offer everyone, not just those who are able to drive, the ability to choose to be or not to be an organ donor.

Thank you for your consideration.