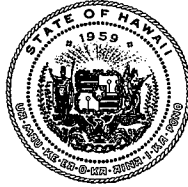


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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**HB 2366, SD1, RELATING TO THE ORGAN DONOR REGISTRY**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
Director of Health**

**March 28, 2008, 9:30 AM**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health opposes HB 2366 SD 1 that establishes a statewide  
2 organ donor registry in the Department of Health through amending chapter 321, Hawaii Revised  
3 Statutes. The Department does not believe statutory changes are necessary as the Hawaii Organ  
4 Procurement Organization (dba Organ Donor Center of Hawaii) has agreed to establish and maintain a  
5 statewide organ donor registry. The Department prefers language reflected in SB 2104 SD1 HD1 that  
6 allows the Department of Health to contract with Hawaii's Organ Procurement Organization pursuant to  
7 chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes provided it does not negatively impact the Executive  
8 Supplemental Budget.

9 **Fiscal Implications:** No appropriation amount identified in the measure.

10 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department recognizes the importance of increasing the number of  
11 individuals registered as organ and tissue donors, thereby increasing the number of actual donors and  
12 reducing the number of individuals on the transplant list.

13 Currently, the only entry to enrollment as an organ donor in Hawaii is through the Department of  
14 Motor Vehicles driver's licensing program. This method is only available to licensed drivers, and many  
15 registrants do not realize that they must re-register each time they renew their driver's license. These

1 and other barriers to organ donation registration can be alleviated by establishing a statewide organ  
2 donor registry that enhances the current method through the Department of Motor Vehicles.

3 The Department of Health, on behalf of the Organ Donor Registry Consortium which includes  
4 the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii, the City and County of Honolulu Division of Motor Vehicles,  
5 Licensing and Permits and the Hawaii Lion's Eye Bank, has submitted an application to the Health  
6 Resources Administration (HRSA) intended to fund improvements to Hawaii's current organ donor  
7 registry system.

8 We thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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