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SB2104 SD1, RELATING TO ORGAN DONOR REGISTRY

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health is concerned that SB 2104 SD1, which is intended
2 to establish a statewide organ donor registry, may adversely affect the priorities of the Executive
3 Supplemental budget and that there needs to be further clarification of the term "open record", as
4 referenced in Section 1 of this measure.

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

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

9 Currently, the only entry to enrollment as an organ donor in Hawaii is through the Department of
10 Motor Vehicles driver's licensing program. This method is only available to licensed drivers, and many
11 registrants do not realize that they must re-register each time they renew their driver's license. These
12 and other barriers to organ donation registration can be alleviated by establishing a statewide organ
13 donor registry that enhances the current method through the Department of Motor Vehicles.

14 The Department of Health, on behalf of the Organ Donor Registry Consortium, which includes
15 the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii, the City and County of Honolulu Division of Motor Vehicles,

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1 Licensing and Permits and the Hawaii Lion's Eye Bank, has submitted an application to the Health
2 Resources Administration (HRSA) to improve current Hawaii's current organ donor registry system.

3 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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