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Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair

Senator David Ige, Vice Chair

AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday February 25, 2010

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Dear Committee Members,

Mahalo for allowing additional comments to your decision of whether The National Tissue and Organ Donor Registry Known as UNOS would provide HIV positive patients with a chance to RECEIVE the gift of life.

I have been sending in articles as well as being in contact with UNOS and come to the conclusion that there is no Rule or Law that stops States from allowing transplants of organs or tissue into an HIV recipient. I have seen at

least 2000 Cases reporting successful transplants since 2005. I got my information from John Hopkins University, Drexel University College of Medicine, The New England Journal Of Medicine, POZ Magazine, and Dept of Health and Welfare in Idaho, among others.

As you have said Senator Ige in stand committee report 2206, "Thanks to ground breaking research HIV infections is no longer an impenetrable barrier to a successful transplant. Given these developments, your health committee found that this measure will save lives and further prevent discrimination against those living with HIV."

There is no reason to believe that all this facts aren't true. HIV is not a death sentence unless patients are refused life saving transplants. We beg for morality and mercy for the suffering HIV positive patients who pray for their gift of life every day.

As always I respect your decision.

Peace and Aloha,

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Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for your consideration in allowing me to add information to my original testimony. I have been researching State and Federal Laws trying to find out the objection to this proposed measure.

As far as I can tell from all the Federal and State guidelines, there is nothing stopping Hawaii from allowing and enforcing a proper and moral decision by the Legislature.

The gift of life should not exclude people with debilitating illnesses from receiving help. We have been sending in various articles to the committee members from The New England Journal of Medicine, John Hopkins Medical Institution, POZ Magazine, among others and Have found at least 2000 Cases of patients being transplanted successfully on the Mainland with a HIV diagnosis.

We are more interested in receiving organs than in donating. It is against civil right to deny people transplants on the basis of the type of illness that they have.

**NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO PLAY G-D. NO ONE SHOULD CHOOSE WHO LIVES AND WHO DIES.**

Don't let this practice of throwing away the life of HIV patients continue.

Aloha,

Lila G. Rattner