
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII MEDICAL CENTER.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that organ
2 transplantation is a life saving therapy for many critically ill
3 patients with end-stage diseases. Over one hundred ten thousand
4 patients are on the nation's organ transplantation waiting list;
5 four hundred seven of those patients are on the transplant
6 waiting list in Hawaii. The legislature further finds that the
7 Transplant Institute of the Pacific at Hawaii Medical Center is
8 the only organ transplantation program in the State, and dozens
9 of kidney and liver transplantations are performed there each
10 year. In addition, patients who have received an organ
11 transplant continue to receive monitoring and follow-up care
12 after their operation at the Transplant Institute of the
13 Pacific.

14 The legislature finds that increased funding is crucial to
15 maintain the financial health of the Transplant Institute of the
16 Pacific. The organ transplant program provides an important
17 public resource to the State and to the many organ transplant
18 patients and recipients in Hawaii. Without an operational organ



1 transplant center, patients with end-stage diseases would be
2 forced to register on transplantation waiting lists for mainland
3 transplant centers, many of which may have a longer waiting time
4 to receive a donor organ than in Hawaii. The increased waiting
5 time for an organ may mean that the sickest of those patients
6 may not survive long enough for a donor organ to become
7 available. In addition to increased waiting time, many
8 waitlisted patients in Hawaii would have the additional burden
9 of relocating to other areas of the country, away from friends
10 and family, while awaiting a donor organ as well as during their
11 recovery.

12 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys as a grant
13 to the Transplant Institute of the Pacific at Hawaii Medical
14 Center to support its continued operations.

15 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
16 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$3,000,000 or so much
17 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 as a grant
18 pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the Hawaii
19 Medical Center to support ongoing services provided by the
20 Transplant Institute of the Pacific.

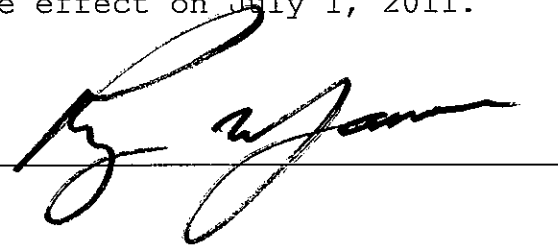
21 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
22 health for the purposes of this Act.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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Report Title:

Hawaii Medical Center; Organ Transplantation; Grant

Description:

Appropriates \$3,000,000 in FY 2011-2012 for a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, HRS, to the Hawaii Medical Center to support the ongoing operations of its organ transplant program.

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