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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

SB3039, SD1, RELATING ANATOMICAL TRANSPLANTS

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Director of Health

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) offers comments only. The DOH believes
2 that this measure is unnecessary.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** There would be no fiscal impacts to the general fund.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** This measure would amend section 327-11, HRS to specify that persons
5 with HIV, AIDS, or ARC shall not be prohibited from receiving anatomical gifts.

6 The DOH believes that this bill is unnecessary as HIV infected patients are able to obtain organ
7 transplants. The DOH recommends that the decision regarding any transplant needs to be made by
8 health care providers in close consultation with their patients. People are now living longer and
9 relatively healthy lives with HIV/AIDS when viral replication is successfully suppressed with HIV
10 treatment regimes.

11 The DOH respectfully requests that this bill be held.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.