
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN HAWAII THAT PERFORM ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION TO CONSIDER PLACING HIV-POSITIVE PATIENTS WHO NEED AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT ON AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT WAITLIST.

1 WHEREAS, there were 2,425 people in Hawaii living with HIV
2 or AIDS in 2011; and

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4 WHEREAS, the number of people in Hawaii living with HIV has
5 increased every year since 2001, in part, due to the use of a
6 combination of drugs, known as highly active antiretroviral
7 therapy, to suppress HIV; and

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9 WHEREAS, today, most people infected with HIV who use
10 highly active antiretroviral therapy tend to die from end-stage
11 organ disease and organ failure that result from chronic
12 conditions rather than AIDS-associated opportunistic infections;
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15 WHEREAS, in the event of organ failure, an organ
16 transplant, typically of a liver or kidney, is often an HIV-
17 positive person's only chance of survival; and

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19 WHEREAS, there are three hundred ninety-one people in
20 Hawaii waiting for a liver or kidney transplant; and

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22 WHEREAS, health care facilities on the mainland currently
23 perform kidney and pancreas transplants on HIV-positive patients
24 who have end-stage kidney disease and diabetes; and

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26 WHEREAS, recent research has shown that HIV-positive
27 patients who received a kidney transplant experienced a 94.6%
28 one-year survival rate and a 88.2% three-year survival rate,
29 which were similar to kidney transplant recipients who were not
30 infected with HIV and higher than kidney transplant recipients
31 who were age sixty-five and older; and

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1 WHEREAS, under certain circumstances, HIV-positive patients
2 are good candidates for organ transplantation and have positive
3 post-transplant outcomes, and there is no reason to deny HIV-
4 positive patients an organ transplant solely due to their HIV
5 status; now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
8 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
9 Session of 2013, that all health care providers in Hawaii that
10 perform organ transplantation are urged to consider placing HIV-
11 positive patients who need an organ transplant on an organ
12 transplant waitlist; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health who in turn
16 is requested to transmit copies to the chief executive officers
17 of all health care providers in the State that perform organ
18 transplantation; and the Executive Director of Legacy of Life.

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21 OFFERED BY: REMONA A

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