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STATE OF HAWAII

H.B. NO. 608
H.D. 3
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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act is recommended by the governor for
2 immediate passage in accordance with section 9 of article VII of
3 the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

4 SECTION 2. The legislature finds that organ
5 transplantation is a life-saving therapy for many critically ill
6 patients with end-stage diseases. More than one hundred ten
7 thousand patients are on the national organ transplant waiting
8 list; four hundred seven of those patients are Hawaii residents.

9 Funding is critical to maintain a federally-recognized
10 stage 3 chronic kidney disease program that focuses on
11 prevention for disparate populations in Hawaii. Without
12 operational organ transplant services in the State, patients
13 with end-stage diseases must register on transplant waiting
14 lists for mainland transplant centers and many of these patients
15 will face a longer waiting time to receive a donor organ at a
16 transplant center on the mainland than at a transplant center in
17 Hawaii. The increased waiting time for an organ may mean that



1 the sickest of those patients may not survive long enough for a
2 donor organ to become available. In addition to the increased
3 waiting time, many waitlisted patients in the State will have
4 the additional burden of relocating to other areas of the
5 country, away from friends and family, while awaiting a donor
6 organ and during their recovery.

7 An emergency appropriation is necessary to preserve and
8 save the lives of individuals combating organ failure by
9 providing them with access to organ transplantation in the State
10 and giving them quality care and treatment throughout their
11 operation and recovery.

12 National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii provides a federally-
13 recognized chronic kidney disease management program in Hawaii.
14 It meets the eligibility requirements of section 42F-103, Hawaii
15 Revised Statutes, for recipients of grants and subsidies. The
16 Queen's Medical Center is establishing a kidney and liver
17 transplant program in Hawaii. It also meets the eligibility
18 requirements of section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for
19 recipients of grants and subsidies, with the exception of
20 approval as a member of the Organ Procurement and
21 Transplantation Network/United Network for Organ Sharing with
22 designations as a liver transplant program and a kidney and

