
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that, according to
2 research conducted by a Farrington high school student, the need
3 for umbilical cord blood stem cell transplants are growing
4 rapidly in Hawaii. Specifically, anyone coming from an ethnic
5 minority group, such as those of Asian or Pacific islander
6 descent, has a lesser likelihood of finding a match through the
7 National Marrow Donor Program than the population-at-large due
8 to the lack of donations from the minority group.

9 The legislature also finds that many people in Hawaii
10 expecting a child are not familiar with the options available to
11 them when it comes to their infant's umbilical cord blood.
12 Hawaii residents require basic information regarding umbilical
13 cord blood, the benefits it presents, and the need for donors,
14 especially from an ethnic minority group. The legislature
15 further finds that all labor and delivery hospitals in the city
16 and county of Honolulu provide registration papers with brief
17 information and a signed consent form, disclosing preferred



1 action that expectant parents may take in regards to their
2 infant's umbilical cord blood.

3 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to ensure that
4 anyone having a child shall be made aware of the options
5 available to them in regards to their infant's umbilical cord
6 blood following delivery.

7 SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
8 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
9 as follows:

10 **"CHAPTER**

11 **UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**

12 § -1 **Short title.** This chapter shall be known and cited
13 as the "Umbilical Cord Blood Pre-Registration Form."

14 § -2 **Form with three options.** As a part of the
15 registration process for expectant parents, all labor and
16 delivery hospitals in the State shall provide the expectant
17 parents with brief information on umbilical cord blood and a
18 signed consent form on three options available to them regarding
19 umbilical cord blood. The three options are as follows:



- 1 (1) Donation of the umbilical cord blood to the Hawaii
2 Cord Blood Bank for safekeeping in the National Marrow
3 Donor Program registry;
- 4 (2) Private banking with an organization for the expectant
5 parents' future use; or
- 6 (3) Regular hospital disposal.

7 § -3 **Hospital registration forms; signature required.**

8 Registration forms for admittance into a hospital shall be
9 considered incomplete if they do not include the executed form
10 required by section -2.

11 § -4 **Signature by expectant parents.** When read and
12 signed by the expectant parents, physicians and other health
13 care professionals shall not disclose information regarding the
14 decision of the expectant parents regarding umbilical cord
15 blood, unless the expectant parents choose the option of
16 publicly donating the umbilical cord blood to the Hawaii Cord
17 Blood Bank. Physicians and health care professionals shall
18 share additional information with the expectant parents and
19 advise the expectant parents to contact the Hawaii Cord Blood
20 Bank.



1 § -5 **Choice of public donation.** Choosing the option of
 2 public donation shall not guarantee a donation to the local
 3 Hawaii Cord Blood Bank. All requirements for umbilical cord
 4 blood donations established by the Hawaii Cord Blood Bank shall
 5 apply."

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Umbilical Cord Blood; Donation

Description:

Requires hospitals to provide expectant parents with information on options available to them regarding the donation of umbilical cord blood.

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