
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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. More than one hundred ten
4 thousand patients are on the national organ transplant waiting
5 list; four hundred seven of those patients are Hawaii residents.
6 The legislature further finds that, statewide, there is only one
7 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-certified organ
8 transplant facility for liver and kidney transplants, where
9 dozens of transplantations are performed each year. In
10 addition, patients who have received an organ transplant
11 continue to receive monitoring and follow-up care from medical
12 staff, physicians, and surgeons after the patient's operation.

13 Individuals diagnosed with a potentially preventable
14 chronic disease represent a sizable percentage of those waiting
15 for an organ. Unhealthy lifestyle behaviors such as tobacco
16 use, poor diet, and lack of physical activity may lead to
17 chronic illness of the kidney and liver which, if left
18 unmanaged, could ultimately impair organ function and lead to



1 organ failure and the need for transplantation. Furthermore,
2 genetic predisposition and environmental influences leading to
3 unhealthy behaviors can interact to accelerate and exacerbate
4 the process. Since approximately ninety per cent of the people
5 on the waiting list for an organ transplant in Hawaii have
6 kidney failure, and since it is clear that it is possible to
7 slow or even reverse the progression of chronic kidney disease,
8 the focus on prevention as part of the solution must be
9 included.

10 The legislature further finds that funding is crucial to
11 maintain a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-certified
12 kidney and liver transplant facility in Hawaii, as well as to
13 maintain a federally-recognized stage 3 chronic kidney disease
14 program focused on prevention for disparate populations in
15 Hawaii. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-
16 certified organ transplant program provides an important public
17 resource to the State and to many organ transplant patients and
18 recipients in Hawaii.

19 Without an operational organ transplant center, patients
20 with end-stage diseases would be forced to register on
21 transplant waiting lists for mainland transplant centers, many
22 of which have a longer waiting time to receive a donor organ



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

8 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys, subject
9 to dollar-for-dollar private matching funds, to sustain Centers
10 for Medicare and Medicaid Services-certified organ transplant
11 operations in Hawaii and maintain a federally-recognized chronic
12 kidney disease management program.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2011-2012 and the
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
17 2012-2013 to support ongoing services provided by a qualified
18 provider with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
19 certification to perform kidney and liver transplants in Hawaii
20 and to support a federally-recognized chronic kidney disease
21 management program; provided that no funds appropriated under
22 this section shall be expended unless matched dollar-for-dollar



1 with private funds; provided further that any private matching
2 funds obtained for the purposes of this Act shall have priority
3 in being encumbered over public funds.

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

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



Report Title:

Kidney; Liver; Transplants; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds, subject to dollar-for-dollar private matching funds, to be expended by the Department of Health to support ongoing services provided by a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-certified kidney and liver transplant provider in Hawaii, and to support a federally-recognized chronic kidney disease management program. Effective July 1, 2030. (HB608 HD3)

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