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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN
HAWAII TO PERFORM ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION ON PATIENTS WITH
HIV, ARC, AND AIDS.

1 WHEREAS, AIDS-related complex, or ARC, was introduced after
2 discovery of the HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) when the
3 medical community became aware of the inherent difficulties
4 associated with treating patients suffering from an advanced
5 case of HIV which gave rise to the term Acquired Immune
6 Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS); and
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8 WHEREAS, people with HIV were excluded as viable candidates
9 for receiving organ transplants in the 1980s because most
10 experts believed that the organs should go to people with a
11 better chance of survival; and
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13 WHEREAS, in the late 1990s, with the introduction of potent
14 combination antiretroviral therapy, survival for people with HIV
15 increased substantially, effectively ending arguments that they
16 were less likely to live than their HIV-negative counterparts;
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19 WHEREAS, a New England Journal of Medicine article of
20 November 2011 stated that concerns in the past relating to the
21 necessity of utilizing anti-rejection medications to transplant
22 already immunosuppressed HIV-positive patients have been
23 overcome with solid evidence that there is no increase in either
24 the incidence of opportunistic infection or an acceleration of
25 HIV, as demonstrated in a recent large multi-center United
26 States-based study; and
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28 WHEREAS, an online Science Daily article of December 6,
29 2011, states that the Mayo Clinic in Florida is now offering
30 kidney and pancreas transplants to HIV-positive patients with
31 advanced kidney disease and diabetes, as evidence is now
32 convincing that HIV-positive patients have the same favorable



1 outcome in terms of patient and allograft survival as non-HIV-
2 positive organ transplant recipients; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
6 House of Representatives concurring, that health care facilities
7 and health care providers in Hawaii are requested to perform
8 organ transplantation on patients with HIV, ARC, and AIDS; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Department of Health
12 which in turn is requested to transmit a copy of this Concurrent
13 Resolution to every health care facility in Hawaii, and to the
14 Hawaii Medical Board which in turn is requested to transmit a
15 copy of this Concurrent Resolution to every person licensed
16 under chapter 453, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
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