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## SENATE 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  
33 outcome in terms of patient and allograft survival as non-HIV-  
34 positive organ transplant recipients; now, therefore,  
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# S.R. NO. 22

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,  
3 that health care facilities and health care providers in Hawaii  
4 are requested to perform organ transplantation on patients with  
5 HIV, ARC, and AIDS; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Department of Health which in  
9 turn is requested to transmit a copy of this Resolution to every  
10 health care facility in Hawaii, and to the Hawaii Medical Board  
11 which in turn is requested to transmit a copy of this Resolution  
12 to every person licensed under chapter 453, Hawaii Revised  
13 Statutes.  
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