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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN HAWAII THAT PERFORM ORGAN  
TRANSPLANTATION TO CONSIDER PLACING HIV-POSITIVE PATIENTS  
WHO NEED AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT ON AN ORGAN TRANSPLANT  
WAITLIST.

1 WHEREAS, there were 2,425 people in Hawaii living with HIV  
2 or AIDS in 2011; and

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4 WHEREAS, the number of people in Hawaii living with HIV has  
5 increased every year since 2001, in part, due to the use of a  
6 combination of drugs, known as highly active antiretroviral  
7 therapy, to suppress HIV; and

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9 WHEREAS, today, most people infected with HIV who use  
10 highly active antiretroviral therapy tend to die from end-stage  
11 organ disease and organ failure that result from chronic  
12 conditions rather than AIDS-associated opportunistic infections;  
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15 WHEREAS, in the event of organ failure, an organ  
16 transplant, typically of a liver or kidney, is often an HIV-  
17 positive person's only chance of survival; and

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19 WHEREAS, there are three hundred ninety-one people in  
20 Hawaii waiting for a liver or kidney transplant; and

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22 WHEREAS, health care facilities on the mainland currently  
23 perform kidney and pancreas transplants on HIV-positive patients  
24 who have end-stage kidney disease and diabetes; and

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26 WHEREAS, recent research has shown that HIV-positive  
27 patients who received a kidney transplant experienced a 94.6%  
28 one-year survival rate and a 88.2% three-year survival rate,  
29 which were similar to kidney transplant recipients who were not



1 infected with HIV and higher than kidney transplant recipients  
2 who were age sixty-five and older; and  
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4 WHEREAS, under certain circumstances, HIV-positive patients  
5 are good candidates for organ transplantation and have positive  
6 post-transplant outcomes, and there is no reason to deny HIV-  
7 positive patients an organ transplant solely due to their HIV  
8 status; now, therefore,  
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the  
12 House of Representatives concurring, that all health care  
13 providers in Hawaii that perform organ transplantation are urged  
14 to consider placing HIV-positive patients who need an organ  
15 transplant on an organ transplant waitlist; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health  
19 who in turn is requested to transmit copies to the chief  
20 executive officers of all health care providers in the State  
21 that perform organ transplantation; and the Executive Director  
22 of Legacy of Life.  
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