

SB 2104



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January 31, 2008

Before
Honorable David Ige, Chair
Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Health

Public Hearing – 1:15PM Monday, February 23, 2008 - Conference Room 016

RE: Testimony in strong support of SB 2104 – Relating to Organ Donor Registry
Establishes a statewide organ donor registry

The Honorable David Ige, Chair
Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair
and members of the committee:

I applaud the introduction of SB 2104 – Relating to Organ Donor Registry and I am submitting testimony in full support of the passage of this measure.

My name is Tony L. Sagayadoro, Program Coordinator of the Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP), a minority outreach program of the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii. MOTTEP is also a founding member of the Hawaii Coalition on Organ Donation.

Since the passage of Act 88 in year 1999, which provided the Clinical Staff of Organ Donor Center of Hawaii 24 hour access to Hawaii Driver's License Information to know whether Organ Donor designation was indicated on the driver's license, more lives have been saved. Organ Donor designation on Hawaii Driver's license have shown significant impact on families knowing their loved one's wishes, 94% of families approached consented to donation knowing that their loved had indicated their wishes to be an organ donor on their driver's license compared to an overall consent rate of less than 50%.

The sad part the number of patients waiting for organ transplant continue to increase at a very alarming rate, there are more patients waiting and the number continue to increase everyday. Any of these patients can be anyone of us, our neighbor, families, friends or anyone that we know.

On the positive note through the collaboration and partnership of different agencies involved in the promotion of organ and tissue donation and the formation of the Hawaii Coalition on Donation (HCOD) has produced encouraging results. During the past seven years, the number of drivers who signed up as organ donor had increased. And having a Statewide Organ Donor Registry will encourage and more individuals will have the opportunity to have their wishes documented by signing up to be included in the donor registry.

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On behalf of the Advisory Board Member of MOTTEP, we fully support the passage of SB 2104 to encourage more people to serve as organ donors by registering to the Statewide Organ Donor Registry to help increase available organs and tissue for transplantation to saves the lives of patients in need organ transplants.

Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP) educational efforts are now making a difference. The increase in Filipino donors in the past so many years is a validation that public education works and more lives are saved due to this effort. More Filipino families now have been choosing to donate than those who declined. This is very significant that Filipinos is now one of the population groups having a "positive" consent rate compared to the early stage of the program.

We fully believe in SB 2104 will produce positive results like other states that had enacted the establishment of a Statewide Organ Donor Registry.

We urge that you give SB 2104 your favorable consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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***"Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle,
and the life of the candle will not be shortened.
Happiness never decreases by being shared."***

Buddha, Indian philosopher & religious leader



February 1, 2008

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair
Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol
Conference Room 016
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: S.B. No. 2104 -- Relating to the Organ Donor Registry

Dear Chairman Ige and Vice-Chair Fukunaga and members of the State Senate Health Committee,

I am Glen Hayashida, CEO, National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii (NKFH) and member of the Hawaii Coalition on Donation. It is my privilege to support SB 2104.

An established Donor Registry will give the people of Hawaii the opportunity to sign-up to be donors and have access to their information online as well as through the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii. The registry will give organ and tissue donors the ability to notify their family and friends of their wishes, making their decision to donate a matter of record.

Often family members of potential donors are not aware of their family member's wish to donate. A registry will allow donors and authorized medical professionals to obtain a document of consent that clearly states the donor's wishes.

National research shows that although 98% of Americans support donation, only 30% knows the essential steps to take to become a donor. Others allow misconceptions, fears, and misinformation to prevent them from making a decision.

This Donor Registry will make it easier for the public to sign up to become an organ and tissue donor. It will also aid in making an organ donor's wishes more clearly known to their family members and loved ones.

Thank you for your consideration.



Case Management Professionals, Inc.

DATE: February 1, 2008

TO: Senate Committee on Health
Honorable Chair Sen. David Ige
Honorable Vice-Chair Sen. Carol Fukunaga
Honorable Members: Sen. Rosalyn Baker
Sen. Ron Menor
Sen. Paul Whalen

FROM: Agnes Reyes, RN – Clinical Administrator
Case Management Professionals, Inc.

SCHEDULED HEARING: Senate Committee on Health
February 4, 2008, Monday at 1:15 pm

RE: Full Support of SB 2104 – “ Relating to Organ Donor Registry
Full Support of SB 2099- “ Relating to Anatomical Gifts”

My name is Agnes Reyes, a Filipino registered nurse, a case manager, a businesswoman, a career professional in community- based- care, a volunteer for MOTTEP, a strong supporter for Organ Donation, and a friend or healthcare professional who knows individuals who might be in need of tissue and organ donation in the future.

I fully support SB 2104 which will initiate a Statewide Organ Donor Registry.

This bill will not only promote organ donation but also

- Streamline organ donation registration
- Promote centralization, standardization and accuracy of information
- Promote timely accessibility of data for donation process
- Support data collection for accurate reporting and quality improvement indicators
- Facilitate organ donation education
- Support feasibility of health information and updates
- Prevent duplication or over utilization of employee or provider efforts

I also fully support SB 2099, which will facilitate an initiative to conform with the National Uniform Anatomical Gift Act thus promoting standardization and compliance of best practices on organ donation for the State of Hawaii.

Life is precious and there is no better gift to others than the “Gift of Life”.

Please allow full consideration of these bills as they serve as instruments in promoting and saving lives.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

February 4, 2008

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House Committee on Health

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**The Honorable David Ige, Chair; Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair
and members of the committee:**

My name is Clementina Ceria-Ulep, a faculty at the University of Hawaii School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Department of Nursing. As a staff nurse in the past and present call-in nursing supervisor at one of our local hospitals, I have seen the positive impact of organ transplantation. I have taken care of patients with kidney transplants who receive another chance and the happiness, gratitude and deep appreciation this brings to them and their family for the precious gift of life. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 2104 which establishes a statewide organ donor registry

I fully support the passage of SB 2104 for the following reasons:

- encourage and register more people to serve as an organ donor
- helps increase the supply of the critically needed organs for transplant
- saves the lives of critically ill patients who needs organ transplant
- Most states have already passed similar legislation to address the critical shortage of organs for transplantation and other states have pending legislation.

We urge that you give SB 2104 your favorable consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Clementina D. Ceria-Ulep