

SB1500

**TESTIMONY OF THE
COMMISSION TO PROMOTE UNIFORM LEGISLATION**

**ON S.B. No. 1500
RELATING TO ANATOMICAL GIFTS.**

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

DATE: Wednesday, February 29, 2012, at 9:35 a.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

PERSON(S) TESTIFYING: ELIZABETH KENT or KEN TAKAYAMA
Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation

Chair Hee and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

My name is Elizabeth Kent and I am one of Hawaii's Uniform Law Commissioners. Hawaii's uniform law commissioners were pleased when the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gifts Act, as codified in Chapter 327, Hawaii Revised Statutes, was enacted because it is intended to save lives and improve the lives of people who need organ transplantation.

It appears the intent of this bill is to require anatomical gifts to be accepted if medically suitable for transplantation. The Commission believes alternate language in Section 2, lines 12 – 15, would be more compatible with this intent and less confusing, and suggests the following be substituted: "An anatomical gift made under this chapter shall be accepted unless the anatomical gift is medically unsuitable for transplantation, therapy, research, or education.

Thank you for the opportunity to suggest this possible change.