
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DRIVER EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Section 286-108.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"~~§~~**286-108.4 Driver education and behind-the-wheel driver training program.**~~§~~ The director of transportation is directed to establish and certify a statewide driver education program and behind-the-wheel driver training program, to include the number of course hours, curriculum, and certification of teachers and third-party examiners~~[-]~~; provided that any program established under this section shall include the distribution of information on organ and tissue donation and the possibility of saving lives through organ and tissue donation pursuant to section 286-109.5. The director of transportation is also directed to set a cost for the programs to enable the programs to be self-sufficient. The director of transportation shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary for the purposes of this ~~section~~."



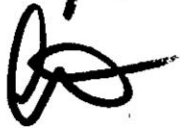





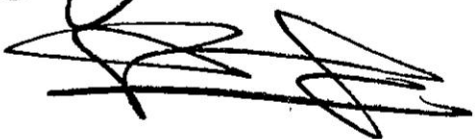
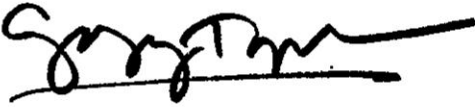
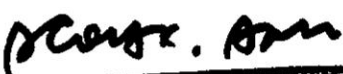

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:






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Report Title:

Driver Education Programs; Organ Donation; Designation of Anatomical Gifts

Description:

Requires driver education programs to include the distribution of information on organ and tissue donation.

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
P.O. BOX 2360
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Date: 02/13/2013

Committee: House Transportation

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 1440 RELATING TO DRIVER EDUCATION

Purpose of Bill: Requires driver education programs to include the distribution of information on organ and tissue donation.

Department's Position:

The Department opposes HB 1440 requiring driver education programs to include the distribution of information on organ and tissue donation. Parents and guardians of students enrolled in the program may not welcome the topic of organ and tissue donation as it may conflict with their religious or familial beliefs. The decision to share information regarding this topic should be left to the parents and guardians of the student.



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February 12, 2013
TESTIMONY OF STANLEY CHANG
COUNCILMEMBER FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
On
H.B. No. 1440, RELATING TO DRIVER EDUCATION
Wednesday, February 13, 2013
10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 309

Dear Chair Yamane and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony in support of H.B. 1440 Relating to Driver Education as a Councilmember for the City and County of Honolulu.

The purpose of this H.B. 1440 is to increase awareness about organ and tissue donation among new drivers and would require driver education programs to include the distribution of information on organ and tissue donation. An increase in awareness could lead to an increase in life saving donor organs.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for your favorable passage of H.B. 1440 Relating to Driver Education and thank the Committee for allowing me to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "St Chang", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stanley Chang
Councilmember, District IV

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1440
RELATING TO DRIVER EDUCATION**

by

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House Committee on Transportation
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 13, 2013; 10 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Ichiyama, and members of the House Committee on Transportation:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on behalf of Legacy of Life Hawaii in strong support of HB 1440, requiring driver education programs to include the distribution of information on organ and tissue donation.

Legacy of Life Hawaii (LLH) currently encourages driver education programs to invite LLH to come into their class room and provide information on organ and tissue donation as well as hear from a transplant recipient what it was like to wait for a life-saving transplant. Driver education programs will often devote a class period to focus on the topic of organ and tissue donation as all applicants are posed with the question, "Do you wish to be an organ donor?" on their driver's license application form. Offering information on organ and tissue donation will help to disseminate topical information on the subject, dispel any mistruths, and further promote the idea of saving lives by becoming an organ and tissue donor. Having this educational material in all class rooms would equip the students to make an informed decision.

For 25 years Legacy of Life Hawaii has been committed to saving lives by encouraging the idea of giving the Gift of Life so others may live. Ultimately this measure will promote greater awareness when making the life-saving decision to become an organ and tissue donor.

I, therefore, urge this committee to give HB 1440 your favorable consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on behalf of Legacy of Life Hawaii in strong support.

From: Cheryl Albright [cherylal@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, February 12, 2013 3:45 PM
To: TRNtestimony
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Subject: testimony in support HB 1440



Hawaii State Legislature
Re: HB 1440

I am a professor at the UH Manoa School of Nursing. I am providing testimony in support of HB 1440 “Relating to Driver Education”.

I have over 8 years of experience teaching adults and teens in Hawaii about organ donation and how they could become a designated organ donor on their driver’s license. Although 90% of Americans say they support donation, only 30% know what steps to take to become a designated organ donor. Every year the lives of thousands of children, teenagers, and adults are saved because someone decided to be an organ donor after their death.

I conducted a large research project to educate high school teenagers in Hawaii about the choice to become a designated organ donor on their first Hawaii driver’s license. The study is called the “**Idecide Project**” and it was funded by the National Institutes of Health.

We showed a 20 minute DVD/video to teens from youth groups and private schools located on Oahu, Maui, Molokai, and Kauai (enrolled 429 teens). The average age was 16 years and 80% were Asians, Native Hawaiians, or Pacific Islanders. The DVD/video was **filmed in Hawaii** and used students from Farrington high school (T-shirt Theater) as the young actors and Hawaii residents were the adult actors.

At the end of the study (12 months) **almost half (40%)** of the teenagers who watched the DVD/video became a designated donor on their driver’s license and **almost all (70%)** talked to their parents about their choice to be a designated donor on the DMV application.

Hawaii’s teenagers are willing to watch an educational DVD/video about the choice to be an organ donor on their license and many who did later chose to become an organ donor.

The Idecide Project’s DVD/video titled “It’s just a little box” is available (for free) on YouTube - <http://www.youtube.com/user/idecideproject>. And so teachers of driver’s education in Hawaii are free to use it in their classes.

Recently we gave 45 teachers in Hawaii (many of whom were teachers of driver’s education courses) the DVD/video and an additional 483 students watched the DVD/video. **Almost 1,000 teens have already seen the DVD/video in Hawaii; thus, teachers and students are VERY receptive to learning about organ donation.**

I encourage you to pass HB 1440 I would be more than happy to answer any questions about the Idecide Project – my UH phone number is 956 9716 – my email is cherylal@hawaii.edu.

Mahalo
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