



March 25, 2026

The Hon. Gregg Takayama, Chair, House Committee on Health
The Hon. Sue L. Keohokapu-Lee Loy, Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Health
Members of the Committee

Re: HCR 22, Urging the United States Congress to Pass H.R. 2687, Also Known as the End Kidney Deaths Act

Mahalo for the opportunity to **support** House Concurrent Resolution 22, urging the United States Congress to pass H.R. 2687, also known as the End Kidney Deaths Act. As a provider serving patients across Hawai'i who depend on life-sustaining dialysis treatment, we see firsthand the devastating impact of kidney failure and the urgent need to expand access to transplantation. This measure represents an important step toward addressing the national shortage of donor kidneys and improving survival and quality of life for individuals living with end-stage renal disease.

Patients in Hawai'i face unique geographic and health care access challenges. Although dialysis is essential, it is not a cure, and transplantation offers the best long-term outcomes for most patients. Policies that encourage innovation, increase organ availability, and support ethical and safe transplantation pathways can help reduce preventable deaths among people with kidney disease.

We support the intent of the End Kidney Deaths Act to explore new approaches to increasing the supply of transplantable kidneys while maintaining strong safeguards for donors and recipients. Any effort that responsibly expands access to transplantation has the potential to save lives, reduce long-term health care costs, and improve health equity, particularly in rural and island communities where treatment options may be limited.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge adoption of this resolution and encourage Congress to carefully advance H.R. 2687 to help ensure that fewer patients die waiting for a kidney transplant.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support.

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Testimony for HLT on 3/25/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alan Bryant	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

PLEASE pass this legislation. As someone who lives in Hawaii, I believe we have a kuleana to care for others, even beyond our islands. HR 22 reflects that value. No one should die waiting for a kidney when solutions exist. Please pass this resolution.

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Submitted on: 3/23/2026 11:30:44 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/25/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michele David	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

Dear Representatives,

After working last session as a committee clerk for Representative Marten, I learned more about the legislative process and how I could help make an impact. When session ended, I went on an important journey and finally met my long-lost younger sister and her adorable 3 year old daughter. Sadly, I found out that my sister has been suffering and on dialysis while awaiting a kidney transplant. I then learned all I could and started the process to donate one of my kidneys to her and began preliminary testing. Unfortunately, I was unable to continue the process due to my current medical condition. I then sought to have this resolution introduced on behalf of the Director of Waitlist Zero, seeking Hawaii's support for the End Kidney Deaths Act.

Through previous legislation in 2005, Hawaii has shown support for organ donors by providing paid leave to city and state employees, and in 2014 expanded paid leave for employees at larger businesses. Currently, Representative Jill Tokuda is leading Hawaii at the Federal level along with many other legislators nationwide to help end kidney deaths.

In February of this year, a great article was published in Hawaii Business Magazine that discusses this issue in more detail: <https://www.hawaiibusiness.com/bipartisan-bill-aims-to-prevent-kidney-deaths-by-compensating-donors/>

Please vote yes to pass this important Resolution.

With aloha,
Michele David

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Submitted on: 3/23/2026 9:26:57 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/25/2026 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rachel Bennett Steury	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Rachel Bennett Steury and I am a living kidney donor living on Maui. My left kidney has been living apart from me for the past 12 years, enabling someone who was really sick to have a renewed lease on life. The research I did before donating a kidney and the experiences I had afterward as an advocate and storyteller really opened my eyes to the world of kidney disease, dialysis and the many people who die each day waiting for an organ transplant. It wasn't until I began writing about my inspiring experience that I even realized how essential my role as a living donor was to the bigger picture of saving lives.

There are currently not enough potential donors to fulfill our ever growing need for donor kidneys, which is why the End Kidney Deaths Act is so critical. It will save thousands of lives and billions of tax dollars each year. I support HR 22 because I believe our ohana should always lead with aloha and compassion. This is a chance to unite in support of a just solution for Hawai'i's people. We all know someone who is suffering from kidney disease. The need remains great and we have the ability to end the waitlist if we choose to. If we lead with love, we can. Please pass this resolution. Mahalo