
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS H.R. 2687, ALSO KNOWN
AS THE END KIDNEY DEATHS ACT.

1 WHEREAS, kidney disease and kidney failure are serious,
2 life-threatening medical conditions that disproportionately
3 impact people of color; and
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5 WHEREAS, currently more than five thousand Hawaii residents
6 rely on dialysis and hundreds die each year; and
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8 WHEREAS, patients from rural and low-income communities are
9 significantly more likely to die from kidney disease due to the
10 deep inequities in access to timely and effective treatment; and
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12 WHEREAS, of the nearly ninety-five thousand Americans
13 nationwide who are waiting for a kidney transplant, several
14 thousands die each year, despite kidney transplantation being a
15 proven, life-saving therapy; and
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17 WHEREAS, while dialysis can sustain a patient's life, it
18 also significantly diminishes quality of life, shortens life
19 expectancy, and imposes substantial physical, emotional, and
20 financial burdens on patients and families; and
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22 WHEREAS, the federal government spends approximately
23 \$50,000,000,000 annually on dialysis care, which represents
24 nearly one percent of all federal spending; and
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26 WHEREAS, kidney transplantation not only restores health
27 and independence for patients but also reduces long-term public
28 expenditures, with each transplant estimated to save
29 approximately \$500,000 compared to the lifetime cost of
30 dialysis; and
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32 WHEREAS, expanding access to kidney transplantation has the
33 potential to save up to ten thousand lives each year and reduce



1 federal health care spending by approximately \$4,000,000,000
2 annually; and

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4 WHEREAS, living donor kidney transplants are widely
5 recognized as the gold standard of kidney care, offering better
6 outcomes and longer graft survival than deceased donor
7 transplants; and

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9 WHEREAS, living kidney donation is already among the most
10 tightly regulated medical procedures in the United States, with
11 comprehensive medical, psychological, and ethical safeguards to
12 protect donor safety and prevent coercion; and

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14 WHEREAS, the number of living kidney donors has remained
15 largely unchanged for more than twenty-five years, demonstrating
16 that existing policies have failed to meet the growing need for
17 donors; and

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19 WHEREAS, H.R. 2687, also known as the End Kidney Deaths
20 Act, was introduced on April 7, 2025, to the 119th Congress; and

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22 WHEREAS, the End Kidney Deaths Act would allow for
23 regulated, refundable tax credits for individuals who donate a
24 kidney to a stranger; and

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26 WHEREAS, providing tax credits for non-directed living
27 donation recognizes the burdens of donation while preserving
28 existing donor protections; and

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30 WHEREAS, non-directed kidney donation can initiate
31 transplant changes that save multiple lives from a single act of
32 generosity; and

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34 WHEREAS, the End Kidney Deaths Act is a bipartisan,
35 evidence-based proposal that address human suffering and fiscal
36 responsibility; now, therefore,

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38 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
39 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
40 of 2026, that this body urges the United States Congress to pass
41 H.R. 2687, also known as the End Kidney Deaths Act; and

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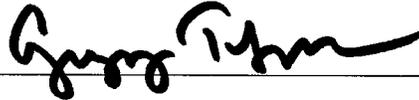


H.R. NO. 22

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges Hawaii's
2 congressional delegation to support the End Kidney Deaths Act as
3 a means of saving lives, reducing health inequities that affect
4 rural and low-income communities, and improving the
5 sustainability of the nation's health care system; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
9 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, President
10 Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, and members of Hawaii's
11 congressional delegation.
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