



April 07, 2026

The Hon. David Tarnas, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs,
The Hon. Mahina Poepoe, Vice-Chair, and members of the House Committee on
Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs

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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Francine Attrill
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Testimony for JHA on 4/7/2026 2:00:00 PM

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| Johnnie-Mae L. Perry | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Support

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

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| Michele David | Individual | Support | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Dear Representatives,

After working last session as a committee clerk, I learned more about the legislative process and how I could help make an impact. When session ended, I went on an emotional 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 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