

ACT 165

H.B. NO. 2366

A Bill for an Act Relating to the Organ Donor Registry.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. (a) The director of health may contract for the establishment of a statewide organ donor registry; provided that in no instance shall the contract authorize the expenditure of state funds. The contract shall provide for a centralized database and automated system to make organ donor information available to individuals who register for online system access. Information in the registry shall be an open record where authorized family members and physicians may learn of a person's wishes regarding organ donation seven days a week, twenty-four hours per day. The registry shall be established to allow individuals to register as organ donors through the online system as an option in the future. The registry shall be used to compile the organ donation information received by the department of transportation, county motor vehicle agencies, attorneys, organ donation awareness programs, and others.

(b) The director of health shall work with the department of transportation, county motor vehicle agencies, the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii, and any other parties interested in developing specifications for the registry. In developing these specifications, consideration shall be given to implementing an automated toll-free hotline.

SECTION 2. The director of health shall apply for a federal grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration intended to fund improvements to Hawaii's organ donor registry system and may contract with a Hawaii organ procurement organization for the establishment of a statewide organ donor registry.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

(Approved June 11, 2008.)