

# Hawaii

---

**HB 3039: Relating to anatomical transplants**

Prohibits a health care facility or health care provider from discriminating against a person who has human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), or aids related complex (ARC), and who is in need of an organ transplantation by refusing to perform the organ transplantation. Specifies that persons with HIV, AIDS, or ARC shall not be prohibited from receiving an anatomical gift.

STATUS: In Committee

**HB 2680/SB 2411: Relating to leaves of absence**

Requires private employers with 15 or more employees to allow employees to take paid leaves of absence for organ (up to 30 days), bone marrow (up to 7 days), or peripheral blood stem cell donation (up to 7 days).

STATUS: In Committee

**HB 2373: Organ and Tissue Support and Education Special Fund**

Renames the organ and tissue education special fund to the organ and tissue support and education special fund and permits use of the fund to establish a nonprofit organ transplant center. Imposes a \$1 fee for any new or renewed driver's license to be deposited into the fund. Transfers \$500,000 from the emergency medical services special fund to the organ and tissue support and education special fund.

STATUS: In Committee

**HB 2637/HB 2792: Relating to Medicaid**

Authorizes the Department of Human Services to provide medical assistance for dialysis, chemotherapy, and other cancer treatments, inpatient and outpatient physician visits, and drug prescriptions.

STATUS: In Committee

**HB 1912/SB 2136: Communal home dialysis center**

Establishes a pilot project for the financing, construction, and operation of a communal home dialysis center in the Federated States of Micronesia through public-private partnerships that would use Medicaid funds with matching private funds to help alleviate the costs of caring for Compact of Free Association migrants. This bill would also allow do a public service announcement about the benefits of the project.

STATUS: In committee

# Hawaii (cont.)

---

## **HB 278: Back-up generators for dialysis centers**

Beginning January 1, 2012, each dialysis center operating in the State shall have a backup emergency generator with sufficient capacity to provide electricity necessary to sustain dialysis treatments while also maintaining water pressure levels required to operate the dialysis treatment system. Each dialysis center shall maintain enough fuel on the premises to maintain the operation of its backup generator for at least forty-eight hours.

STATUS: In Committee

## **HB 499: Medical Assistance for noncitizens**

States that the Department of Human Services will provide legal noncitizens who entered the state after August 22, 1996 with medical assistance free of charge, including dialysis if it is deemed “medically necessary” and if they are eligible for Medicaid.

STATUS: In Committee

## **HB 664: Relating to health (immunosuppressives)**

A pharmacist may not dispense an immunosuppressive following an organ transplant other than the original, specifically prescribed drug if the ordering physician has indicated “do not substitute”. A pharmacist may substitute only with permission of MD/patient.

STATUS: In Committee

## **HB 1444: Relating to the Hawaii medical center**

Appropriates \$3,000,000 in FY 2011-2012 to the Hawaii medical center to support the ongoing operations of its organ transplant program.

STATUS: In Committee

## **SB 1538: Relating to health (emergency dialysis)**

Directs the department of health and state civil defense to report to the legislature on progress in implementing the recommendations of the statewide dialysis emergency plan. Appropriates funds to upgrade dialysis facilities and implement the plan.

STATUS: Conference committee reports have been reported.

## **HB 608: Relating to health**

Appropriates funds (up to \$3,000,000) to be expended by the Department of Health to support ongoing services provided by a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services certified kidney and liver transplant provider in Hawaii, and to support a federally-recognized chronic kidney disease management program for people with stage 3 chronic kidney disease. Effective July 1, 2011.

STATUS: Passed House and Senate, in conference committee

# Hawaii (cont.)

---

## **HCR44/HR 38/SCR 53/SR 27**

Resolution urging the the United States Department of the Interior to provide dialysis and chemotherapy centers in Micronesia and all areas within the Compact of Free Association nations.

STATUS: Passed house and senate, in respective committees

## **HR 80/HCR 88/SCR 62/SR 36: Recognizing organ/tissue donors and their families**

Recognizing and honoring the life-saving contributions and sacrifices made by organ and tissue donors and their families.

STATUS: In Committee

## **SCR 93/SR 50: Discouraging the practice of creating and using specialty tiers for prescription drugs in health plans**

Status: Passed senate, in house committee

---

For more information on these and other bills, visit your Legislature's homepage:

<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/>

<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/site1/docs/docs.asp?press1=docs>