

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	6 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Cowan, Gilliam, Kotek, Maurer, Olson, Tomei
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Gelser
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Meeting Dates:	4/06, 4/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Instructs Department of Transportation to provide applicant for driver license or identification card with information about state policy and benefits of anatomical gifts. Modifies forms supplied by department to include specific statement about anatomical gift donation. Requires applicant who declines to be donor to indicate choice at time of making application. Establishes presumption that person who neither expresses desire to become anatomical gift donor nor declines to become anatomical gift donor when applying for license or card is considered a donor. Requires medical examiner or local public health officer to release body of deceased person for purposes of anatomical gift donation under certain circumstance.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Making donor election an explicit “ yes” or “no” requirement
- Which entities are responsible for documenting donor status
- How overall donor system is working now
- Role of family members in carrying out donor wishes
- Donor programs in Europe and comparative data
- Current Department of Motor Vehicles program
- Practical steps of donor process after a death
- Current informed consent program led by Donate Life Northwest

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: According to Donate Life Northwest, 18 people die each day awaiting an organ transplant in the United States. The number of men, women and children in the U.S. waiting for an organ transplant is quickly approaching 100,000, 1,900 of whom live in the Pacific Northwest. Thousands more await a tissue transplant. Current statistics for Oregon and Southwest Washington include approximately 344 people waiting for a kidney transplant, 155 waiting for a liver transplant, nine waiting for a pancreas transplant, 14 waiting for a combined kidney/pancreas transplant, eight waiting for a heart transplant, and two waiting for a lung transplant. Tissues that can be donated at the time of death include eyes, skin, bone, tendon, cartilage, heart valves, fascia, and veins; organs include kidneys, heart, lungs, liver, pancreas, and small intestine.

Currently, the Driver and Motor Services Division (DMV) of the Department of Transportation includes a notation on the driver license, instruction permit or identification card of people 18 years of age or older who request to be anatomical donors. The notation appears as a "D" in the restriction code section of the card. The restriction remains on the card until the owner requests it be removed. The restriction code serves as a document of the gift.

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