

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 4019**

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**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Designates second week of April of each year as Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor Appreciation Week.

Creates Oregon Gifts of Life Award for families of organ donors. [*Directs office of Governor to present awards and to coordinate with organ procurement organizations in selecting recipients.*]

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

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2 Relating to organ donations; and declaring an emergency.

3       Whereas more than 117,000 people in the United States are in need of a lifesaving organ trans-  
4 plant, and another person is added to the waiting list every 10 minutes; and

5       Whereas 22 Americans die each day while waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant; and

6       Whereas a single organ, eye or tissue donor can save and heal more than 75 individuals; and

7       Whereas 83 organ donors from Oregon gave more than 250 transplanted organs in 2016; and

8       Whereas 2,291 tissue and cornea donations from Oregon were distributed to 80,353 people in  
9 2016; and

10       Whereas one in four persons who died and were eligible to be a donor could have donated their  
11 corneas; and

12       Whereas cancer victims and some individuals who are blind can donate their corneas when they  
13 die; and

14       Whereas a transplant can be used to treat a burn victim, save the life of a newborn with a  
15 congenital heart defect or replace tumorous bones; and

16       Whereas the need for organ, eye and tissue transplants far exceeds donations and does not dis-  
17 criminate by any demographic characteristic or ideological conviction; and

18       Whereas public education about organ, eye and tissue donations is crucial because more than  
19 800 people in Oregon await an organ transplant, and hundreds more await a tissue or cornea  
20 transplant; and

21       Whereas the State of Oregon, through the Department of Transportation, has a decades-long  
22 relationship with designated organ procurement organizations in which the department invites  
23 Oregonians to join the anatomical donor registry and have a "D" placed on their driver license or  
24 identification card; and

25       Whereas the Legislative Assembly encourages partnership between the Department of Trans-  
26 portation and organ procurement organizations to educate the public about the need for partic-

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1 ipation in the donor registry, resulting in more lives saved, sight given and lives improved; and

2 Whereas the Legislative Assembly recognizes and appreciates the gifts of life from those  
3 Oregonians who choose to donate after their death; now, therefore,

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. The second week of April of each year is designated as Organ, Eye and Tis-**  
6 **sue Donor Appreciation Week.**

7 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

8 (a) "Organ donor" means an individual whose organ, eye or tissue is the subject of an  
9 anatomical gift pursuant to ORS 97.951 to 97.982.

10 (b) "Organ procurement organization" has the meaning given that term in ORS 97.953.

11 (2) The office of the Governor may present the Oregon Gifts of Life Award on an annual  
12 basis to families of organ donors.

13 (3) Organ procurement organizations or affiliated educational organizations may nomi-  
14 nate individuals eligible under this section to represent organ donors from the previous cal-  
15 endar year and may submit documentation supporting the eligibility of the individuals to the  
16 office of the Governor.

17 (4) Organ procurement organizations shall select recipients from a list of nominations  
18 prepared under subsection (3) of this section. If more than one organ procurement organ-  
19 ization is involved, the organ procurement organizations shall coordinate to designate by  
20 consensus the organ procurement organization that will have primary administrative re-  
21 sponsibility under this section.

22 (5) Only one award may be presented to the family of each organ donor.

23 (6) Organ procurement organizations shall seek permission from the family of each organ  
24 donor selected to receive the Oregon Gifts of Life Award.

25 **SECTION 3. This 2018 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
26 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2018 Act takes effect**  
27 **on its passage.**

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