

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Olympia, Washington

## Bill Analysis

Bill No. SSB 5828

Relating to the Washington Gift of Life award

Brief Title

Hearing Date 3/23/99

Senators Sheldon, Snyder and Franklin  
Sponsor(s)

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The Washington Gift of Life award is awarded to persons who donate a part of a human body post mortem after death. The medal was established in 1989 & consists of a silver ribbon and is awarded by the Governor.

An organ procurement organization defines a family as any accredited or certified donor bank.

Application for a Gift of Life award must be made to the Governor or family of an organ donor, or by an organ procurement organization on behalf of the person's family members. Eligibility is determined and the medal presented by the organ procurement organization.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Washington Gift of Life award is altered to an award, supposed a medal. The organ procurement organization nominates individuals to be awarded & to be presented to the Governor annually by the Governor or his/her representative. The award will be presented at the annual meeting of the organ procurement organization.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Not requested.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Ninety days after adjournment of a session which it is passed.