
HOUSE BILL 2842

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1 AN ACT Relating to organ and tissue donor education and awareness;
2 adding a new section to chapter 28A.230 RCW; and creating a new
3 section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the use of
6 anatomical gifts, including the donation of organ or tissue, for the
7 purpose of transplantation is of great interest to the citizens of
8 Washington state and may save or prolong the life or improve the health
9 of extremely ill and dying persons. The legislature further finds that
10 more than ninety thousand people are currently waiting for life-saving
11 organ transplants on the national transplant waiting list. More than
12 one thousand two hundred of these people are listed at Washington state
13 transplant centers. Nationally, eighteen people die each day as a
14 result of the shortage of donated organs.

15 The legislature further finds that continuing education as to the
16 existence and maintenance of a statewide organ and tissue donor
17 registry is in the best interest of the people of the state of
18 Washington.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.230
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 (1) Organ donation awareness shall be taught in the public schools
4 of this state. Organ donation education shall include instruction
5 explaining the organ and tissue donor registry created in RCW
6 68.50.635. Students shall receive such instruction at least once
7 beginning in ninth grade.

8 (2) Instructional materials shall be developed in coordination with
9 the federally designated organ procurement organization for Washington
10 state.

11 (3) All costs associated with the development, distribution, and
12 implementation of this curriculum shall be the responsibility of the
13 foundation established in RCW 46.12.510.

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