

**HB 2842-S.E - DIGEST**

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/13/06)

Finds that continuing education as to the existence and maintenance of a statewide organ and tissue donor registry is in the best interest of the people of the state of Washington.

Requires organ donation awareness to be taught in the public schools of this state in driver training courses. Organ donation education shall include instruction explaining the organ and tissue donor registry created in RCW 68.50.635.

Requires instructional materials to be developed in coordination with the federally designated organ procurement organization for Washington state.

Provides that all costs associated with the development, distribution, and implementation of this curriculum shall be the responsibility of the foundation established in RCW 46.12.510.

Requires that at least fourteen days before teaching organ donation awareness, each school district shall notify parents or guardians of the presentation, that the curricula materials are available for inspection, and that parents or guardians may request in writing that their students be excused from the instruction. No student may be required to participate in organ donation awareness instruction if the student's parent or guardian requests in writing that the student be excused from such instruction, and the student shall not be academically penalized due to being excused.