

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY BLODGETT

A Concurrent Resolution requesting an interim committee on anatomical gift referral.

WHEREAS, currently 242 people in this state are awaiting organ transplants including heart, lung, liver, kidney, and kidney-pancreas transplants; and

WHEREAS, the number of organ donors in this state was only 55 in 1996; and

WHEREAS, referrals from hospitals to organ procurement organizations are a necessary and important part of the anatomical gift process; and

WHEREAS, referrals from hospitals to organ procurement organizations increased only slightly from 1995 to 1996; and

WHEREAS, the need for organ transplants continues to increase at a faster rate than organ donations, NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislative Council is requested to establish a legislative committee during the 1997 interim of the General Assembly to review the compliance of hospitals in making referrals to organ procurement organizations and to submit a report of findings and recommendations to the General Assembly to increase referrals in the state.

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