

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5532

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Modifying certain Washington gift of life award provisions.

Sponsors: Senators Rolfes, Bailey and Kohl-Welles.

Senate Committee on Government Operations & Security
House Committee on State Government

Background: The Washington Gift of Life award was established in 1998 to recognize the special kindness of those who donate their organs. An organ procurement organization may nominate six individuals or persons to represent all those who have donated organs. Only one award may be presented to the family of an organ donor. The Governor's office presents the awards on an annual basis in coordination with the organ procurement organization. The Washington Gift of Life award consists of the seal of Washington and is inscribed with the words: "For the greatest act of kindness in donating organs to enhance the lives of others."

Summary: The Governor's office must annually present the Washington Gift of Life award to families of organ donors. Organ procurement organizations may nominate individuals to represent all those who have donated organs during the previous calendar year. The Governor's office must present the awards on an annual basis to each eligible organ donor's family. Organ procurement organizations must seek permission from the families of organ donors selected to receive the Gift of Life award so that the name of the organ donors may be released to the Governor's office for printing of a Gift of Life Certificate and be used at Gift of Life ceremonies and events. The Washington Gift of Life award is inscribed with the words: "For the greatest act of kindness in donating organs to save the lives of others."

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	96	1

Effective: July 24, 2015

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