

## S 1949

### Organ Donation and Recovery Improvement Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Feb 14, 2002

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Feb 14, 2002)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Frist, William H. [R-TN]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** TN • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]	D · CT		Feb 14, 2002
Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]	R · WY		Feb 14, 2002
Sen. Hutchinson, Tim [R-AR]	R · AR		Feb 14, 2002
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		Feb 14, 2002

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 14, 2002

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Feb 14, 2002)

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Organ Donation and Recovery Improvement Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to: (1) establish an interagency task force on organ donation and research; (2) award grants to carry out studies and demonstration projects to increase organ donation and recovery rates; (3) establish a public education program; and (4) support model curricula to train health care and other professionals in issues surrounding organ donation.

Requires the President's Council on Bioethics to evaluate and report to the Secretary on the ethical implications of reducing economic barriers to organ donation.

Authorizes the Secretary to award grants: (1) to qualified organ procurement organizations to establish programs to coordinate their efforts with hospitals; and (2) for reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenses incurred by individuals toward making living organ donations.

Directs the Secretary, acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, to: (1) develop scientific evidence supporting increased donation and improved recovery, preservation, and transportation of donated organs and tissues; and (2) support efforts to develop a uniform clinical vocabulary and technology and to enhance the skills of the organ procurement workforce.

Directs the Secretary to contract with the Institute of Medicine to evaluate: (1) existing organ donation practices; and (2) living donation practices and procedures.

Requires the Secretary to establish: (1) an advisory committee to study and report to Congress on existing organ donor registries; and (2) and maintain a registry of living organ donors.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 14, 2002:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 14, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S857-858)
- **Feb 14, 2002:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.