

## Organ Donation Amendments

## 2026 GENERAL SESSION

## STATE OF UTAH

## **Chief Sponsor: Doug Owens**

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## LONG TITLE

### **General Description:**

This bill addresses public awareness of organ donation and opportunities for individuals to register as organ donors.

## **Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- requires or encourages information about the option and process to register as an organ donor, to be provided in connection with or in certain circumstances related to:
    - the Division of Wildlife Resources' website;
    - ~~the [intake at] a~~ health care facility; and
    - individual income tax instructions booklets and the State Tax Commission's website;
  - requires the Department of Health and Human Services to convene a coalition of life-saving programs and create a comprehensive plan for communicating about those programs through state-owned channels; and
  - make technical and conforming changes.

## **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

## Other Special Clauses:

None

## Utah Code Sections Affected:

## AMENDS:

**59-10-103.1**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2025, Chapter 344

## ENACTS:

**23A-1-207, Utah Code Annotated 1953**

**26B-1-436**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

**26B-2-244**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

31           Section 1. Section **23A-1-207** is enacted to read:

32           **23A-1-207 . Organ donation.**

33           **(1) As used in this section:**

34           **(a) "Donor" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-8-301.**

35           **(b) "Donor registry" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-8-301.**

36           **(2) On the division's website, the division shall provide:**

37           **(a) information about the option to register as a donor; and**

38           **(b) a link to a website for a donor registry where an individual can register as a donor.**

39           **(3) The requirements in Subsection (2) do not apply if the division provides information on**  
40           **the division's website in connection with a comprehensive plan described in Section**  
41           **26B-1-436.**

42           Section 2. Section **26B-1-436** is enacted to read:

43           **26B-1-436 . Life-saving programs, coalition, and plan.**

44           **(1) As used in this section:**

45           **(a) "Comprehensive plan" means a comprehensive plan described in Subsection (3).**

46           **(b) "Director" means an executive director, director, commissioner, general manager, or**  
47           **other similar position that has ultimate responsibility for the operation of a state**  
48           **entity.**

49           **(c) "State publication channel" means a website or publication of a state entity that:**

50           **(i) the public accesses, uses, or interacts with in significant volume; and**

51           **(ii) is approved for use in connection with a comprehensive plan by the director, or**  
52           **the director's designee, of the state entity that controls the website or publication.**

53           **(2) To maximize the opportunity to save lives in the state, the department shall convene a**  
54           **coalition of state-funded and state-sponsored life-saving programs.**

55           **(3) The department shall create a comprehensive plan, including best practices and**  
56           **principles, for utilizing state publication channels to communicate information about**  
57           **life-saving programs to the public.**

58           **(4) The comprehensive plan may include a schedule coordinating when each life-saving**  
59           **program is promoted through state publication channels, which may also coordinate with**  
60           **promotional periods or commemorative periods declared by the governor, and may**  
61           **address the allocation of costs.**

62           Section 3. Section **26B-2-244** is enacted to read:

63           **26B-2-244 . Organ donation.**

64           **(1) As used in this section:**

65 ~~H~~→ [(a)]

65a (a) ~~H~~→ "Donor" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-8-301.

66 (b) "Donor registry" means the same as that term is defined in Section 26B-8-301.

67 ~~H~~→ [(e) "Intake" means the initial process by which a health care facility collects] ~~H~~

68 ~~H~~→ [demographic, social, clinical, or other similar data from a patient.] ~~H~~

69 (2) A health care facility licensed under this part shall ~~H~~→ provide information to a patient

69a about how to access a donor registry established under Section 26B-8-319 prior to

69b discharge. [, as part of intake or as soon as] ~~H~~

70 ~~H~~→ [reasonably possible after intake:]

71 [(a) ask if the patient is a donor;]

72 [(b) if the patient is not a donor, ask if the patient would like to become a donor; and]

73 [(c) if the patient wishes to become a donor, provide information about how to access a] ~~H~~

74 ~~H~~→ [donor registry established under Section 26B-8-319.] ~~H~~

75 Section 4. Section 59-10-103.1 is amended to read:

76 **59-10-103.1 . Information to be contained on individual income tax returns or**

77 **booklets.**

78 (1) The commission shall print the phrase "all state income tax dollars support education, children, and individuals with disabilities" on:

80 (a) the first page of an individual income tax return; and

81 (b) the cover page of an individual income tax forms and instructions booklet.

82 (2) The commission shall include on an individual income tax return a statement for a property owner to declare that the property owner no longer qualifies to receive a residential exemption authorized under Section 59-2-103 for that property owner's primary residence.

86 (3)(a) The commission shall include in each instruction booklet information about the option to register as a donor, as that term is defined in Section 26B-8-301, and instructions for accessing a donor registry established under Section 26B-8-319.

89 (b) The commission shall include on the commission's website information about the option to register as a donor, as that term is defined in Section 26B-8-301, and a link to a website for a donor registry established under Section 26B-8-319.

92 (c) The requirements in Subsections (3)(a) and (b) do not apply if the commission provides information in each instruction booklet and on the commission's website in connection with a comprehensive plan described in Section 26B-1-436.

95                   **Section 5. Effective Date.**

96                   This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.