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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes the rich ethnic and  
2 cultural diversity of our island State. As such, there should  
3 be an opportunity to honor religious and cultural practices  
4 associated with childbirth. At the same time, there must be due  
5 consideration for proper assurances of public health and safety.

6           SECTION 2. Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
7 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
8 and to read as follows:

9           "§321-       Human placenta.   Upon negative findings of  
10 infection or hazard after appropriate testing of the mother, the  
11 human placenta may be released by the hospital to the woman from  
12 which it originated or to the woman's designee. The department  
13 shall establish a release form which shall stipulate appropriate  
14 measures for safe release of the human placenta."

15           SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

16           SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



**Report Title:**

Health; Human Placenta

**Description:**

Provides that a placenta may be released by a hospital to the woman from which it originated. (SD2)

