
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING MEDICAL AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE
REPRODUCTIVE AND FERTILITY TREATMENTS TO DEVELOP ETHICAL
STANDARDS AND PROFESSIONAL GUIDELINES FOR EMBRYO
IMPLANTATION.

1 WHEREAS, a single, unemployed mother in California recently
2 gave birth to octuplets after undergoing fertility treatments
3 and being implanted with embryos; and
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5 WHEREAS, at the time the octuplets were born, the woman
6 already had six young children resulting from six in vitro
7 fertilization treatments between 2001 and 2006, and there is
8 concern whether she will be able to care adequately for all
9 fourteen children ranging from seven years old to the infant
10 octuplets; and
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12 WHEREAS, there has been public outcry and concern over the
13 ethics of implanting numerous embryos in patients that may not
14 have the resources to care for the children that result from the
15 fertility treatment; and
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17 WHEREAS, professional and medical organizations that deal
18 with reproductive technology should develop ethical standards
19 for the number of embryos that may be implanted at one time in a
20 fertility treatment patient, while allowing for a consideration
21 of each patient's unique situation; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
25 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that medical and professional
26 organizations in Hawaii that provide reproductive and fertility
27 treatments are urged to develop ethical standards and
28 professional guidelines for embryo implantation that address:
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- (1) Limitations on the number of embryos that may be implanted in a patient during a single fertility treatment;
- (2) The health and welfare of the children who may result from the success of the fertility treatment and any existing children of the patient;
- (3) The health and welfare of the mother;
- (4) Insurance coverage guidelines relating to embryo implantation; and
- (5) Required consultation with other medical professionals on complex or difficult cases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Board of Medical Examiners which, in turn, is requested to transmit copies to medical professionals and professional organizations that provide reproductive and fertility treatments, including in vitro fertilization, in the State.

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