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## HOUSE 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, that medical and professional organizations in Hawaii  
26 that provide reproductive and fertility treatments are urged to  
27 develop ethical standards and professional guidelines for embryo  
28 implantation that address:  
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- 30           (1) Limitations on the number of embryos that may be  
31                implanted in a patient during a single fertility  
32                treatment;  
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- 1 (2) The health and welfare of the children who may result
- 2 from the success of the fertility treatment and any
- 3 existing children of the patient;
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- 5 (3) The health and welfare of the mother;
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- 7 (4) Insurance coverage guidelines relating to embryo
- 8 implantation; and
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- 10 (5) Required consultation with other medical professionals
- 11 on complex or difficult cases; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 14 Resolution be transmitted to the Board of Medical Examiners  
 15 which, in turn, is requested to transmit copies to medical  
 16 professionals and professional organizations that provide  
 17 reproductive and fertility treatments, including in vitro  
 18 fertilization, in the State.

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