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**PRESENTATION OF THE
HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2009

Friday, April 3, 2009
10:30 a.m.

WRITTEN COMMENTS ONLY

**TESTIMONY ON H.C.R. NO. 130 AND H.R. NO. 107, URGING MEDICAL AND
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE REPRODUCTIVE AND
FERTILITY TREATMENTS TO DEVELOP ETHICAL STANDARDS AND
PROFESSIONAL GUIDELINES FOR EMBRYO IMPLANTATION.**

TO THE HONORABLE RYAN I. YAMANE, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on H.C.R. No. 130 and H.R. No. 107, urging medical and professional organizations that provide reproductive and fertility treatments to develop ethical standards and professional guidelines for embryo implantation. The Hawaii Medical Board ("Board") has not had the opportunity to review this resolution, however, the Chairperson has provided comments which the Board is expected to ratify at its April 13, 2009 meeting.

While the Board takes no position on the contents of the resolution, it would like to advise the Committee that it is unable to assist in transmitting copies of the resolution to medical professionals and

professional organizations that provide reproductive and fertility treatments as called for on page 2, lines 14-18 of H.C.R. No. 130 and H.R. No. 107. This is because the Board does not license specialties nor does it license professional organizations. As such, it does not know of the physicians or organizations that are providing these treatments to conduct a mailout. The Board respectfully requests to be removed from the resolutions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments on these resolutions and we ask for your consideration of our requested amendments.

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Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Health

RE: HCR130/HR107 Urging Medical and Professional Organizations that Provide
Reproductive and Fertility Treatments to Develop Ethical Standards and Professional Guidelines
for Embryo Implantation.

Dear Chair Yamane,

I support HCR130/HR107.

A mainland woman recently delivered eight babies after artificial implantation of multiple eggs.
This brought her total number of children to 14.

There are ethical questions surrounding this event. It would be good to know if Hawaii has
established any standards regarding embryo implantation.

Sincerely,



Kammy Lee