

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2011

RE: S.B. No. 615
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Health and Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred S.B. No. 615 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO INFERTILITY PROCEDURES,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require coverage of infertility treatments including procedures other than in vitro fertilization and to remove the requirement that recipients of infertility treatments be married in order to provide an increased number of covered infertility treatments to a broader group of Hawaii's residents.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, Pacific In Vitro Fertilization Institute, Hawaii Reproductive Center, and nine private citizens. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Hawaii Medical Service Association. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Your Committees find that over the past twenty-four years, many improvements have been made to the in vitro fertilization process and that pregnancy rates have continued to go up year after year. However, nationally and in Hawaii, many couples remain childless after only one in vitro fertilization attempt. Your Committees further find that this measure will enable many more childless couples to have an increased chance at having a family.

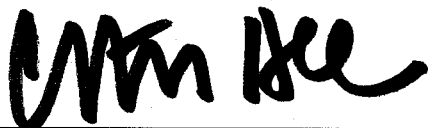


Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring covered in vitro fertilization procedures to be performed at medical facilities that are members of the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technologies to ensure that in vitro fertilization procedures are performed at quality facilities that abide by established standards of care; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Health and Judiciary and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 615, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 615, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Health and
Judiciary and Labor,



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



JOSH GREEN, M.D., Chair



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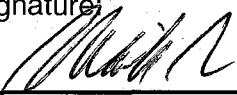
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The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
GREEN, M.D., Josh (C)	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.		✓		
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn	✓	ms WAM		
SLOM, Sam			✓	
TOTAL	5	1	1	0
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HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam			✓	
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