



Good medicine seeks to cure disease. It doesn't MAKE human beings in order to TEST and KILL them.

It is good to want an end to tragic diseases like cystic fibrosis and sickle-cell anemia. These are devastating diseases that can cause tremendous pain to the afflicted person and heartbreak for those who care for them.

Current treatments make it possible to alleviate suffering and prolong life. And cures are not out of reach. But medicine is only as good as its ability to respect life. And the right to life means protection against being intentionally killed.

HB 214 opens the door to many things that Utah citizens may not want, including state-authorized killing of human beings with a chronic disease that is expensive to treat. If it becomes acceptable to kill a living human being 3 days past conception, why not at any other time in his or her life?

HB 214 INSURANCE COVERAGE MODIFICATIONS (Rep R. Ward / Sen. T. Weiler) has passed the House and is now being considered in the Senate.

Contact your state senator and tell them to VOTE NO on HF 214.

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Inserts government into the reproductive lives of Utah citizens for whom it has fiscal and/or administrative responsibility for medical expenses (i.e., Medicaid and PEHP recipients), by:

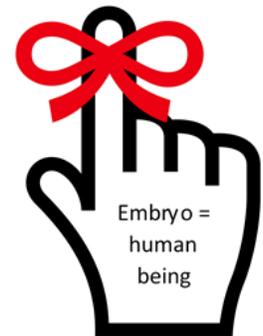
- **Mandating IVF access for PEHP/Medicaid beneficiaries** who have been diagnosed with a particular hereditary disease, and who want to have children.
- Authorizing the **lab creation, genetic testing and discard (killing) of living human beings.** "Fertilized egg," embryo, zygote, morula, and blastocyst are terms describing the developmental stage of a living human being. Other industry terms used to refer to a human being include "pre-embryo," "specimen," and "tissue."

WHAT THE BILL IS SILENT ON:

- **"Family-balancing,"** or the beneficiaries' ability to select a boy or a girl embryo.
- **Cryopreservation,** or the dehydration and vitrification of embryonic human beings.
- **Limits on the number of frozen embryo transfers (FETs)** the family may have.

WHAT TO KEEP IN MIND:

- Ovarian stimulation and egg retrieval can be **harmful to women.**¹
- Genetic testing's **efficacy is debatable.**^{2,3}
- The IVF industry is **unregulated:**
 - There are **no limits** on how many embryos can be created in the lab.
 - The number of stored frozen embryos is **unknown**, but due to increased use of banking and freeze-all cycles, this number is likely growing at an **accelerating rate.**
- Discarded embryos are thrown out as **medical waste.** No alternative is offered to the parents.



¹ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27678032>

² <https://www.focusonreproduction.eu/article/News-in-Reproduction-Aneuploidy-screening>

³ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30085138>