

**One Hundred Sixth Legislature - Second Session - 2020**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB748**

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: January 30, 2020**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB748 creates the Fertility Fraud Act and makes it illegal for a fertility doctor, or any other health care provider to treat a patient for infertility by using the doctor's own spermatozoon or ovum without patient consent.

A doctor who violates the Fertility Fraud Act has committed a class IV felony and can also be subject to a civil action. Each use of the doctor's own spermatozoon or ovum is a separate offense.

The bill also sets up a statute of limitations and a length of time after the health care provider violates the act when they can have a civil action brought against them. The period for both is 25 years.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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