

Re: HB 1284

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Human Services Committee Members:

Hi, my name is Erin Lee. I live in Fargo and work as a nurse practitioner at Sanford Health in the OB/GYN clinic. I will soon also be working at Sanford Reproductive Medicine (I did in the past from 2008-2015 and will be doing so 1 day/week again). I'd like to convey my support for HB 1284—public IVF insurance coverage for fertility preservation.

No one ever wants to get a diagnosis of cancer. However, getting one in your childbearing years or one for your child can be even more concerning, as treatments have the risk of causing infertility. Often patients are referred quickly to the fertility clinic to discuss their options (freezing eggs for females, sperm for males, or possibly embryos for a couple). The cost of doing this is overwhelming and added on top of their worries about cancer and how they are going to be able to pay for those, too. Having insurance coverage for people who need to utilize fertility preservation will help give them a sense of calm that is needed during such a difficult time.

Please consider supporting HB 1284. I would also be happy to answer questions you have. You can email me at erinlee79@outlook.com or erin.lee@sanfordhealth.org.

Thank you for your time!