

In the United States, it is estimated that over 300,000 IVF cycles are performed annually. This number includes both fresh embryo transfers and frozen embryo transfers. IVF has become a common and increasingly accessible option for couples experiencing infertility, with the number of cycles growing as the technology advances and as more people seek fertility treatments. The success rates and availability of clinics across the country also play a significant role in the rising numbers of people opting for IVF.

Not having access to IVF can be significantly detrimental, especially for individuals and couples facing infertility challenges. IVF provides a crucial opportunity for those who cannot conceive through natural methods or who face medical conditions preventing successful pregnancies. Without access to IVF, many people might experience prolonged emotional and psychological distress due to the inability to have children. This can lead to feelings of frustration, isolation, depression and grief.

Additionally, for those with conditions like blocked fallopian tubes, male infertility, or genetic disorders, IVF may be their best or only option for conception. The lack of access could mean that these individuals and couples would be denied the chance to build a family, or they may have to explore alternative, often less effective, methods.

Moreover, IVF can help preserve fertility in certain cases, such as for those undergoing cancer treatment or other medical conditions that affect reproductive health. Without IVF, these individuals may face irreversible consequences for their future ability to have biological children. Overall, limited access to IVF not only hinders family-building but can also exacerbate health inequities, as not everyone has equal access to fertility treatments due to cost, location, or insurance limitations.

Its amazing how IVF has provided my wife and I the chance to grow our family with two beautiful boys. They bring so much joy and fulfillment to our lives. IVF really can make a world of difference for so many families, and experiencing firsthand about its positive impact highlights just how vital access to these treatments is. We hope to continuing growing our family through IVF and do not want to have to add the stress of having to travel to another state in order to access these services. With fertility issues affecting 1 in 6 people I'm sure that you know someone who has utilized some sort of fertility assistance and to deny them of this is not only cruel but selfish. I vote in opposition for HB 1373.