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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 250

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

A RESOLUTION

To create a special legislative commission to study the costs and feasibility of providing insurance coverage benefits for the diagnosis of and treatment for infertility, including but not limited to standard fertility preservation services, intrauterine insemination procedures, and in vitro fertilization procedures.

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), over twelve percent of women of reproductive age in the United States have difficulty becoming pregnant or staying pregnant; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, the cause of infertility is evenly divided between women and men, and approximately one-third of cases are unexplained or involve both partners being diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, approximately nine percent of cancer patients are diagnosed in or prior to their reproductive years and face treatments that can impair their fertility; and

WHEREAS, increasing accessibility to infertility treatments will expand the state's healthcare services and improve the short- and long-term health outcomes for the resulting children and mothers, which may also reduce healthcare costs by reducing adverse outcomes; and

WHEREAS, by providing services to diagnose and treat infertility, Louisiana will retain existing young families and attract potential new residents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a special legislative commission to study the costs and feasibility of providing insurance coverage benefits for the diagnosis of and treatment for infertility, including but not limited to standard fertility preservation services, intrauterine insemination procedures, and in vitro fertilization procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special legislative commission shall be composed of the following members:

(1) The chairman of the House Committee on Insurance or his designee.

(2) The chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare or his designee.

(3) Two members of the House Committee on Insurance appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

(4) One member of the House Committee on Health and Welfare appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.

(5) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.

(6) The speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives or his designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special legislative commission shall convene no later than September 1, 2022, and shall elect a chairperson from among its membership. The chairperson shall call the initial, organizational meeting of the commission and all subsequent meetings, and the commission shall report its findings and recommendations from the study called for in this Resolution to the speaker of the House of Representatives and the House Committee on Insurance no later than February 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Insurance may provide necessary support to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of insurance.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES