House Bill 2662

Sponsored by Representative NELSON

SUMMARY

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Creates crime of human cloning. Punishes by maximum of five years' imprisonment, \$1 million fine, or both.

Creates crime of trafficking in human clones. Punishes by maximum of one year's imprisonment, \$5,000 fine, or both.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to human cloning.

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3 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

4 <u>SECTION 1.</u> As used in sections 1 to 3 of this 2007 Act:

5 (1) "Fetus" means a living organism of the species Homo sapiens from conception until 6 complete expulsion or extraction from a woman's body or until removal from an artificial

7 womb or other similar environment designed to nurture the development of the fetus.

- 8 (2)(a) "Human cloning" means human asexual reproduction accomplished by introducing 9 the genetic material of a human somatic cell into a fertilized or unfertilized oocyte whose 10 nucleus has been or will be removed or inactivated to produce a living organism with a hu-
- 11 man or predominately human genetic constitution.
- 12 (b) "Human cloning" does not include:
- 13 (A) In vitro fertilization or scientific research into in vitro fertilization; or
- 14 (B) Administration of fertility-enhancing drugs.
- (3) "Human embryo" means a living organism of the species Homo sapiens from a
 single-celled stage to eight weeks' development.
- (4) "Human somatic cell" means a cell having a complete set of chromosomes obtained
 from a living or deceased organism of the species Homo sapiens at any stage of development.
- 19 (5) "Oocyte" means a human ovum.
- 20 <u>SECTION 2.</u> (1) A person commits the crime of human cloning if the person knowingly 21 or intentionally:
- 22 (a) Performs or attempts to perform human cloning; or
- 23 (b) Participates in performing or attempting to perform human cloning.
- 24 (2)(a) Human cloning is a Class C felony.
- (b) Notwithstanding ORS 161.625, a court may impose a fine of up to \$1 million upon a
 person who commits the crime of human cloning.
- 27 <u>SECTION 3.</u> (1) A person commits the crime of trafficking in human clones if the person:
- 28 (a) Transfers or receives a cloned human embryo for any purpose; or
- (b) Transfers or receives, in whole or in part, an oocyte, human embryo, fetus or human
 somatic cell for the purpose of human cloning.

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- 1 (2) Trafficking in human clones is a Class A misdemeanor.
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