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As a teacher, who we all know is not paid nearly what we deserve, not having fertility coverage is insanely expensive. My husband and I are crunching numbers and pinching pennies in order to “afford” a nearly \$30,000 treatment, that we have no control over needing. We have heartbreakingly suffered 3 recurrent miscarriages, something no one should have to go through, with no clear reasons for our loss. At this point, we can keep trying and “hope for the best” on our own, having the possibility of continuing to endure heartache. Or, go through IVF, with ZERO coverage, and no guarantee, still hoping for the best, and to not have to endure more heartache, that comes with a hefty price tag. Fertility struggles are hard enough on their own, and when you add in the absolute lack of any insurance coverage, it takes the overwhelming struggle to a whole other level.

I have watched friends, family members, and students parents get pregnant (some multiple times over) all while sitting in the side lines, heartbroken and stressed. IVF is already an intense/exhausting process and the financial strain that comes with it, only adds to it. That’s not something you should have to stress about, while just hoping it works (the first time), so you can finally have the baby you’ve dreamt about.

The thought of having to go through the IVF process multiple times, and the cost that goes with that, is debilitating. As if losing three pregnancies wasn’t hard enough, having to worry about finances, because of lack of fertility coverage, is just not fair.

Please support and pass HB 2959 so future couples hoping to start, or continue, their family, don’t have to stress about finances, on top of whatever infertility issues they’re having.