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Dear Hawai'i Task Force on Parentage Laws:

On behalf of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), I am writing to urge your inclusion of 2024 Article 9 of the Uniform Parentage Act ("UPA") in the reports and draft bills prepared by the Task Force.

ASRM is a multidisciplinary organization of nearly 8,000 professionals dedicated to the advancement of the art, science, and practice of reproductive medicine. Distinguished members of ASRM include obstetricians and gynecologists, urologists, reproductive endocrinologists, embryologists, mental health professionals and others.

The Birth Heritage Permitted Interaction Group's [final report](#) cites the importance of Article 9, as well as ASRM's own recommendations on disclosure. Adoption of Article 9 of the UPA would see Hawai'i joining the growing number of states updating their existing legislation to ensure that no child or family's legal status can be threatened simply because they needed assistance from a third party and/or medical intervention to form their families.

For these reasons, I urge the Taskforce to include Article 9 of the UPA in its reports. For more information, feel free to contact me or Sean Tipton, Chief Advocacy and Policy officer at [Stipton@asrm.org](mailto:Stipton@asrm.org) or 202-421-5112.

Sincerely,

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