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## **ACLU OF RI POSITION: SUPPORT**

### **TESTIMONY ON 26-H 7629, RELATING TO INSURANCE– ACCIDENTS AND INSURANCE POLICIES March 3, 2026**

The ACLU of Rhode Island supports this legislation, which would generally require insurance coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of infertility. We particularly applaud the bill's removal of outdated language in the current statute that limits insurance coverage of fertility treatments to "women between the ages of twenty-five (25) and forty-two (42) years." Instead, it would authorize coverage "without discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, disability, domestic partner status, ethnicity, gender identity, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation."

Under the current law, private insurance providers are only required to cover fertility healthcare for people who meet a limited definition of "infertility" that has largely excluded from coverage single individuals and LGBTQ+ families. This bill would correct that by requiring various insurance providers to offer comprehensive coverage for infertility treatments and standard fertility services, promoting equitable access to care for all individuals.

This is an important reproductive justice issue. Every person should have access to the care they need, including fertility healthcare, to be able to make informed decisions about when, how, and whether to have children and build their families. This legislation recognizes the diverse ways in which families are created, and supports all Rhode Islanders in their reproductive health decisions. By providing this broad, inclusive coverage, Rhode Island can address a longstanding and significant gap in reproductive healthcare, ensuring that all residents, regardless of their age, marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity, receive the care they need.

Thank you for considering our views.