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By Senators Franklin, Stevens, Hargrove, Esser, Mulliken and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to human cloning; adding a new chapter to Title 70
2 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The definitions in this section apply
5 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

6 (1) "Cloning of a human being" means asexual reproduction by
7 implanting or attempting to implant the product of nuclear
8 transplantation into a uterus or substitute for a uterus with the
9 purpose of producing a human being.

10 (2) "Nuclear transplantation" means transferring the nucleus of a
11 human somatic cell into an oocyte from which the nucleus has been or
12 will be removed or inactivated.

13 (3) "Human somatic cell" means a diploid cell that is obtained or
14 derived from a living or deceased human at any stage of development.

15 (4) "Oocyte" means the unfertilized human ovum.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) No person may knowingly engage or assist
17 in the cloning or attempted cloning of a human being.

1 (2) The attorney general may bring an action to enjoin any person
2 from violating subsection (1) of this section.

3 (3) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section is
4 subject to a civil penalty not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars
5 for each violation. Civil penalties authorized by this subsection may
6 be imposed in any civil action brought by the attorney general.

7 (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict areas of
8 biomedical, agricultural, and scientific research not specifically
9 prohibited by this section.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act constitute a
11 new chapter in Title 70 RCW.

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