

Senate Votes to Sell MOHELA Assets Paving the Way for Human Cloning and Life-Destroying Research

"Missouri Right to Life is profoundly disappointed at the passage of SB 389 and HB 16. SB 389 creates the Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative which is where the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority (MOHELA) assets will be directed.

HB 16 is the supplemental appropriations bill that lines out how the MOHELA assets, through the Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative, will be used by the state. These bills together will allow state institutions to spend public money for facilities and programs that will destroy human life through cloning and embryonic stem cell research," said Pam Fichter, state president.

One major goal of the infusion of MOHELA funds is to expand the infrastructure available for biological science programs, which may well include embryonic stem cell research unless prohibited. "Unfortunately, it is not possible to enact pro-life restrictions since the adoption of Amendment 2. Even if it were possible, the provisions of MOHELA, the contracts, resolution and the restrictions of HB 16 are plainly insufficient to restrict unethical, life-destroying research from being facilitated and performed using MOHELA money. Missouri citizens should take note of this giant giveaway of government funding to an industry that consistently denied seeking such funding in their support of Amendment 2," continued Fichter.