

SB 2140

Measure Title: RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.
Report Title: Advance Health-Care Directive; Medicaid
Description: Requires a medicaid recipient to complete an advance health-care directive form.
Companion:
Package: None
Current Referral: HMS, JDL
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Committee on Human Services Testimony in Support of S.B.2140 Relating to Human Services

**Thursday, February 2, 2012, 1:15 P.M.
Conference Room 016**

Chair Chun-Oakland and Members of the Committee:

I am Louis Erteschik, Acting Executive Director at the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, and am testifying in opposition to this bill.

We question the rationale for the bill and the purpose behind it. We prepare many advance directives- both medical as well as psychiatric- for our clients who want them. In fact, it is a good, pro- active measure for an individual to take if they feel it is warranted or worthwhile.

Yet, while this may be valuable for some individuals, we fail to see what interest the government has in mandating that anyone prepare such a document. Furthermore, to mandate that only Medicaid recipients prepare such a document seems discriminatory, inasmuch as there appears to be no logical basis for singling out that group of individuals. Any distinction based solely upon being a Medicaid recipient would be very questionable in its legality or constitutional stature.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to this measure.

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Comments:

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Although I am for this bill I have interviewed a number of consumers that seem to be almost uniformly against this bill. Mainly this seems to stem from being forced to do anything. Another train of thought though is that among the elderly or recently berieved or recently disabled (i.e. back injury,)could leed to serious depression.