

# SB 1129, SD1

## RELATING TO HEALTH

Establishes a medical aid in dying act that establishes a regulatory process under which an adult resident of the State with a medically confirmed terminal disease may obtain a prescription for medication to be self-administered to end the patient's life. (SD1)



**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2017**

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

S.B. NO. 1129, S.D. 1, RELATING TO HEALTH.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017      **TIME:** 11:30 a.m.

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 016

**TESTIFIER(S):**      **WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY.**  
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Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments.

The purpose of this bill is to enact a medical aid in dying law modeled after Oregon's death with dignity law, which has been in effect since 1997. The bill provides safeguards to ensure that a terminally ill adult who chooses to make end-of-life decisions is able to do so and also retain the right to rescind the request.

We recommend that the Committee address the following issues:

(1) On page 17, lines 6-7, we recommend replacing the word "including" with the word "or." The act of "being present" has no relation to being in "compliance with this chapter." The revised provision would then read:

(1) No person shall be subject to civil or criminal liability or professional disciplinary action for participating in good faith compliance with this chapter, ~~including~~ or being present when a qualified patient takes the prescribed medication to end the qualified patient's life in a humane and dignified manner;

(2) The term "good faith compliance" as it appears in the new statutory section -18(a)(1)-(3), and (5), appears to be vague and unenforceable because it is subjective. We recommend establishing a more clear, objective legal standard.

(3) On pages 23-24, we recommend making the following amendments to the



new statutory section -19 to conform with Hawaii's penal code:

**§ -19 Prohibited acts; penalties.** (a) A person who without written authorization of the patient [~~wilfully alters or forges~~] knowingly makes, completes, alters, or endorses a request for medication or conceals or destroys a rescission of that request with the intent or effect of causing the patient's death shall be guilty of a class A felony.

(b) A person who knowingly coerces or [exerts undue influence on a patient] induces a patient by force, threat, fraud, or intimidation to request medication for the purpose of ending the patient's life, or to destroy a rescission of the request, shall be guilty of a class A felony. For purposes of this subsection, "fraud" means making material false statements, misstatements, or omissions.

(c) [~~It shall be a class A felony for a~~] A person who knowingly and without authorization of the [~~principal to wilfully alter, forge, conceal, or destroy,~~] patient makes, completes, alters, endorses, conceals, or destroys an instrument, the reinstatement or revocation of an instrument, or any other evidence or document reflecting the [~~principal's~~] patient's desires and interests, with the intent [~~and~~] or effect of causing a withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining procedures or of artificially administered nutrition and hydration that hastens the death of the principal[~~;~~], shall be guilty of a class A felony.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (c), [~~it shall be a misdemeanor for~~] a person who knowingly and without authorization of the [~~principal to wilfully alter, forge, conceal, or destroy,~~] patient makes, completes, alters, endorses, conceals, or destroys an instrument, the reinstatement or revocation of an instrument, or any other evidence or document reflecting the [~~principal's~~] patient's desires and interests with the intent or effect of affecting a health care decision[~~;~~] shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

(4) On page 30, we recommend amending sections 5 and 6 of this measure as follows:

SECTION 5. Section 707-701.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows:

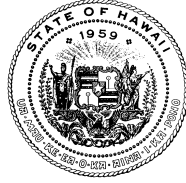
"(1) Except as provided in section 707-701, a person commits the offense of murder in the second degree if the person intentionally or knowingly causes the death of another person[~~;~~]; provided that this section shall not apply to actions taken [~~under~~] in compliance with chapter \_\_\_\_ . "

SECTION 6. Section 707-702, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (1) to read as follows:

"(1) A person commits the offense of manslaughter if:

- (a) The person recklessly causes the death of another person; or
- (b) The person intentionally causes another person to commit suicide[~~;~~]; provided that this section shall not apply to actions taken [~~under~~] in compliance with chapter \_\_\_\_ . "

If the Committee proceeds with this measure, we respectfully request that the recommended amendments be made.



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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB1129 SD1  
RELATING TO HEALTH.**

SENATOR GILBER KEITH-AGARAN, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Hearing Date: February 28, 2017

Room Number: 016

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Undetermined costs for proposed medical records reviews.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health offers technical comments only and takes  
3 no position on the merits of allowing mentally competent adults with six or fewer months to live  
4 to request and be dispensed prescription medication with which to end their life.

5 SB1129 SD1 proposes records reviews and reporting requirements for the Department of Health  
6 that appears to have questionable public health purpose. Furthermore, the collection of  
7 information for “compliance with this chapter” would not be well served by record sampling and  
8 may be better adjudicated by relevant professional boards.

9 Regardless of a reporting scheme, the department questions whether any records should be made  
10 available for inspection by the public even under very limited and defined circumstances. As a  
11 result, page 14, line 10 should be amended from “may not be made available” to “shall not be  
12 made available for inspection by the public.”

13 **Offered Amendments:** (c) The department shall adopt rules to  
14 facilitate the collection of information regarding compliance  
15 with this chapter. Except as otherwise required by law, the  
16 information collected shall not be a public record and [~~may~~]  
17 shall not be made available for inspection by the public.

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**Written Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
February 28, 2017 at 11:30 AM**

**by**

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**SB1129, SD1 RELATING TO PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR CERTAIN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS**

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing thanks you for hearing SB1129, SD1 Relating to Health. This measure establishes a medical aid in dying act that establishes a regulatory process under which an adult resident of the State with a medically confirmed terminal disease may obtain a prescription for medication to be self-administered to end the patient's life.

The Center is in support of enabling Advanced Practice Nurses (APRN) to work to the fullest extent to their education and training. The SD1 version recognizes APRNs within their full-scope of practice abilities, and includes them as health care providers and in counseling roles. The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing commends the State Legislature for including APRNs in this measure, which will increase access to care for adults with terminal disease who are under the care of APRNs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding SB 1129, SD1.



February 28, 2017

To: Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and  
Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Jeanne Y. Ohta, Co-Chair

RE: SB 1129 SD1 Relating to Health  
Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 11:30 a.m., Room 016

POSITION: Support

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus writes in support of SB 1129 SD1 Relating to Health.

We believe that a terminally ill person's end-of-life choices should be his or hers alone, without the interference of government and without the interference of others' religious beliefs.

This measure enables patients to discuss end-of-life choices with their physicians and to discuss appropriate care for severe pain and terminal illnesses.

This is a bill about personal choice and freedom. Anyone opposed to assisted dying simply need not ask. This bill would give patients with terminal illnesses the power to choose, not life over death, but one form of death over another. This bill gives people the opportunity to have choices at life's end.

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i overwhelmingly passed a resolution at the 2010 Convention in support of Death with Dignity and again at the 2016 Convention. The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus is a catalyst for progressive, social, economic, and political change through action on critical issues facing Hawaii's women and girls.

We ask the committee to pass this measure and thank the committee for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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**SB1129**

Submitted on: 2/26/2017

Testimony for JDL on Feb 28, 2017 11:30AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Bradley Kuo	Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses (HAPN)	Support	No

Comments: 2/26/2017 To: The Honorable Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor From: Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses (HAPN) Subject: SB1129 – Relating to Health, Medical Aid in Dying Hearing: February 28, 2017, 11:30 a.m. Conference Room 016, State Capitol Aloha Senator Keith-Agaran, Chair; Senator Rhoads, Vice Chair; and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding SB1129. HAPN is in support of placing choice back in the hands of patients who we work with every day. This bill would join several other states in our nation who provide patient choice to allow adult residents of the State of Hawaii who have a terminal illness with a confirmed prognosis of six or fewer months to live to voluntarily request and receive a prescription medication for self-administration so that they can die in a peaceful, humane manner. This bill is very well written, however, please consider a review regarding definitions within this bill. The definitions of “attending provider”, “consulting provider”, and “health care provider” are very clear and well defined. Within the definition section and document is referenced “physician” in several other sections. The definition of physician is part of the “attending provider” and “consulting provider” definition and may increase confusion. Within subsection 17, states “physician or any other person”, we recommend this be changed to health care provider as written in the definition of “health care provider”. Within subsection 18, part C, 1 states “physician or other provider”, we recommend this be changed to health care provider, to maintain consistency throughout, as written in the definition of “health care provider”. Within subsection 18, part E, 3 states “with a referral to another physician”, we recommend this be changed to health care provider to maintain consistency throughout, as written in the definition of “health care provider”. Within subsection 22, page 26, line 11 is referenced physician and we believe this should be changed to “attending provider”. In section 4, several areas reference physician and should be replaced with “attending provider”, “consulting provider”, and “health care provider” as noted in the definition section. Again, HAPN strongly believes that patients who are residents of the State of Hawaii should be allowed choices through out their lives as it pertains to their healthcare. We support attending and consulting providers to be able to

provide the comfort and care no matter the choice. Thank you for the opportunity to share the perspective of HAPN with your committee. Thank you for your enduring support of the nursing profession in the Aloha State. Respectfully, Bradley Kuo  
HAPN Legislative Committee, Vice Chair

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February 24, 2017

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**In Support of SB 1129 SD 1 “Relating to Health”**

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
February 28, 2017 11:30 a.m. State Capitol Conference Room 016

**Submitted On Behalf of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i**

The Democratic Party of Hawai‘i (DPH) strongly supports SB 1129 SD 1. The purpose of the bill is to enact a medical aid in dying act, which will allow mentally capable, terminally ill adults in Hawai‘i to request and self-administer prescription drugs so they may die in a peaceful, humane manner. **Establishing a legal medical aid in dying option for mentally capable, terminally ill people in Hawai‘i is one of DPH’s legislative priorities for the 2017 legislative session.**

This legislation is consistent with DPH’s platform, which counts “compassion and respect for the dignity and worth of the individual” as one of the “abiding values of the Democratic Party.” SB 1129 is also consistent with DPH resolution HHS 2016-02, which was adopted by the Party at its State convention last June. This resolution acknowledges DPH’s “long history of support for and endorsement of Death with Dignity for ill patients at the end of life.” The resolution also urges state lawmakers to “take all measures to affirm the right of dying patients to make informed decisions about their health care, ensure that Hawai‘i residents are provided with a full range of end of life options, including a decision to advance the time of death, and provide safeguards to ensure patients are in control if they choose Death with Dignity[.]”

Within the last year, California, Colorado and Washington D.C. have passed medical aid in dying laws, tripling the number of terminally ill Americans with access to a medical aid in dying option. We believe terminally ill people in Hawai‘i should have the same option. DPH is concerned by reports that some in our community have taken desperate, violent measures to end their lives in the absence of such an option. We believe mentally capable, terminally ill people should be allowed to pass peacefully if they choose.

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Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

/s/ Margaret Wille  
/s/ Sean Smith  
Legislative Committee Co-chairs



## Hawaii Republican Party State House District 41

(Ewa, Ewa Beach, Ewa Gentry, Ewa Villages, Hoakalei, Ocean Pointe)

February 24, 2017

Senate Committee On Judiciary and Labor  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 16  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Decision Making Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 11:30 a.m.

RE: STRONG OPPOSITION for Senate Bill 1129 – Establishes a medical aid in dying act that establishes a regulatory process under which an adult resident of the State with a medically confirmed terminal disease may obtain a prescription for medication to be self-administered to end the patient's life. (SD1)

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and fellow committee members,

House District 41 of the Hawaii Republican Party believes in life from conception to natural death. There is nothing natural about death by assisted suicide. In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna and terminally ill; we don't abandon them to suicide.

We believe that health care efforts should instead be focused on research to treat terminally ill patients, as well as pain relief and care of these patients, so that the rest of their lives are more comfortable. Proper medical care includes only treating diseases NOT killing the patient.

Legalizing assisted suicide sends the wrong message to our troubled teens that suicide is an acceptable way to solve problems.

Supporters justify assisted suicide by pointing to Oregon's assisted suicide experience that, they claim, has worked without a flaw. But how would they know? Oregon's oversight depends almost entirely on self reporting by physicians, who are about as likely to tell the state that they broke the law as they are to tell the IRS they cheated on their taxes.

SB1129 will require doctors to lie on death certificates. Under the bill, if a terminally ill patient takes a legally prescribed overdose, the cause of death listed on an individual's death certificate who uses assisted suicide medication shall be the underlying terminal illness.



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That's not only a corruption of public records integrity, but would materially thwart the very transparency that advocates claim that their bill promotes. Assisted suicide supporters will say that the increased number of suicides wouldn't matter because the people receiving the prescriptions would be dying anyway. But surely that doesn't excuse falsifying public documents.

If you want to see what our future may look like if we head down this slippery slope, look at what this has led to in the Netherlands', since 1981, they are now actually debating if a person can take ones life if they feel it is complete.

<https://www.government.nl/latest/news/2016/10/21/government-scope-for-assisted-suicide-for-people-who-regard-their-life-as-completed>

If we pass assisted suicide it will turn affordable health care on its head by forcing us to endorse patient suicide, not patient care, as our public policy for dealing with pain and the financial burdens of care at the end of life. That is not pono! We're better than this. We should be expanding palliative care, pain management, nursing and hospice care, not trade the dignity and life of human beings for the bottom line.

Life is a gift from God; every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition.

We strongly OPPOSE this legislation, and encourage you to vote NO.

Mahalo,  
Brett Kulbis  
District Chairman

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Aloha. Please support Compassion and Choices in their effort to allow us to make our own personal choice on the right to die. Mahalo.

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Committees: Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hearing Date/Time: Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 11:30 a.m.  
Place: Room 016  
Re: Testimony of the ACLU of Hawaii in Support of S.B. 1129, S.D.1, Relating to Health

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Committee Members:

The American Civil Liberties Union of Hawaii (“ACLU of Hawaii”) writes in support of S.B. 1129, S.D. 1, which allows competent, terminally ill adults to obtain prescription medication to end their own life. The ACLU of Hawaii strongly supports the right to bodily autonomy, which includes, among other things, the right to refuse treatment, the right to access necessary medical care, and the right to make personal decisions about how to spend one’s final days. Six states — Oregon, Montana, California, Vermont, Washington, and Colorado — have legalized physician-assisted death.

While the ACLU of Hawaii is unaware of any documented widespread abuse, it is important that any physician-assisted death legislation include proper safeguards to prevent abuse or coercion. In order for physician-assisted death to truly be a choice, it must not be the only option. Patients must have access to information about pain medication, and palliative care must be readily available. Patients should never be pressured or coerced into requesting life-ending medication, whether by a doctor, spouse, or family member. S.B. 1129, S.D. 1 provides adequate safeguards to address these concerns.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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## Position Statements

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# Euthanasia, Assisted Suicide, and Aid in Dying

**Date:** April 24, 2013  
**Status:** Revised, Combined Position Statement  
**Originated by:** ANA Center for Ethics and Human Rights  
**Adopted by:** ANA Board of Directors

**Purpose:** Historically, nurses have played a key role in caring for patients at end-of-life across healthcare settings. Nurses provide expert care throughout life's continuum and at end-of-life in managing the bio-psychosocial and spiritual needs of patients and families both independently and in collaboration with other members of the interprofessional healthcare team. While resources do exist to educate and support nurses in this role, there are limited resources to assist nurses in understanding and responding to patient and family questions related to euthanasia and assisted suicide.

The purpose of this position statement is to provide information that will describe the nurse's ethical obligations in responding to requests for euthanasia and assisted suicide, define these terms, support the application of palliative care nursing guidelines in clinical practice, and identify recommendations for nursing practice, education, administration, and research.

**Statement of ANA Position:** The American Nurses Association (ANA) prohibits nurses' participation in assisted suicide and euthanasia because these acts are in direct violation of *Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements* (ANA, 2001; herein referred to as *The Code*), the ethical traditions and goals of the profession, and its covenant with society. Nurses have an obligation to provide humane, comprehensive, and compassionate care that respects the rights of patients but upholds the standards of the profession in the presence of chronic, debilitating illness and at end-of-life.

**History/previous position statements:** ANA adopted position statements on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide originated by the Task Force on the Nurse's Role in End-of-Life Decisions, Center for Ethics and Human Rights on December 8, 1994.

**Supersedes:** Position Statements: Assisted Suicide (12/08/94); Active Euthanasia (12/08/94).

## Supportive Materials

### *ANA's Foundational Documents*

#### *Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements*

Provision 1, Interpretive Statement 1.3 of *The Code* (2001) speaks to the nurse's commitment to the inherent:

"... worth, dignity and rights of all human beings irrespective of the nature of the health problem. The worth of the person is not affected by death, disability, functional status, or proximity to death. This respect extends to all who require the services of the nurse for the promotion of health, the prevention of illness, the restoration of health, the alleviation of suffering, and the provision of supportive care to those who are dying" (p. 12).

In a succeeding paragraph, the statement goes on to say that:

"... nursing care is directed toward meeting the comprehensive needs of patients and their families across the continuum of care. This is particularly vital in the care of patients and families at the end-of-life to prevent and relieve the cascade of symptoms and suffering that are commonly associated with dying...Nurses may not act with the sole intent of ending a patient's life even though such action may be motivated by compassion, respect for patient autonomy and quality of life considerations" (p. 12).

#### *Nursing's Social Policy Statement: The Essence of the Profession*

In the section entitled, "Knowledge Base for Nursing Practice" of this document, it states that "Nurses are concerned with human experiences and responses across the life span. Nurses partner with individuals, families, communities, and populations to address issues such as....physical, emotional, and spiritual comfort, discomfort, and pain...emotions related to the experience of birth, growth and development, health, illness, disease, and death....decision-making and the ability to make choices" (2010b, pp.13-14). In its discussion of the Code of Ethics for Nurses, the section entitled, "Standards of Professional Nursing Practice", *Social Policy Statement* clearly states that "although the Code of Ethics for Nurses is intended to be a living document for nurses, and health care is becoming more complex, the basic tenets found within this particular code of ethics remains unchanged" (2010b, p. 24).

#### *Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*

Standard 7, under the heading "Standards of Professional Performance," reiterates the moral obligation of the nurse to practice ethically and to provide care "in a manner that preserves and protects healthcare consumer autonomy, dignity, rights, values, and beliefs" and "assists healthcare consumers in self determination and informed decision-making" (2010a, p. 47).

## ***Other Supporting Material***

Palliative and hospice care provide individualized, comprehensive, holistic care to meet patient and family needs predicated on goals of care from the time of diagnosis, through death, and into the bereavement period. The following excerpt from this document emphasizes the role of palliative nursing care in the nurse's recognition and relief of symptoms within his or her professional boundaries and in a manner consistent with safe, competent, ethical nursing practice:

"...Palliative care recognizes dying as part of the normal process of living and focuses on maintaining the quality of remaining life. Palliative care affirms life and neither hastens nor postpones death. Palliative care exists in the hope and belief that through appropriate care and the promotion of a caring community, sensitive to their needs, patients and families may be free to attain a degree of mental, emotional, and spiritual preparation for death that is satisfactory to them" (ANA & HPNA, 2007, p. ix-x).

### *World Health Organization on Palliative Care*

The World Health Organization (WHO) defines palliative care as:

"... an approach that improves the quality of life of patients and their families facing the problem associated with life-threatening illness, through the prevention and relief of suffering by means of early identification and impeccable assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, physical, psychosocial and spiritual" (National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care, 2009, p. 8). Palliative care "affirms life and regards dying as a normal process" and "intends neither to hasten nor postpone death" (National Consensus Project for Quality Palliative Care, 2009, p. 8).

## **Terminology**

***Assisted suicide:*** Suicide is the act of taking one's own life. In assisted suicide, the means to end a patient's life is provided to the patient (i.e. medication or a weapon) with knowledge of the patient's intention. Unlike euthanasia, in assisted suicide, someone makes the means of death available, but does not act as the direct agent of death. Nurses have an opportunity to create environments where patients feel comfortable to express thoughts, feelings, conflict, and despair. The issues that surround a request for assisted suicide should be explored with the patient, and as appropriate with family and team members. It is crucial to listen to and acknowledge the patient's expressions of suffering, hopelessness, and sadness. Factors that contribute to such a request should be further assessed and a plan of care initiated to address the patient's physical and emotional needs. Discussion of suicidal thoughts does not increase the risk of suicide and may actually be therapeutic in decreasing the likelihood. The relationship and communication between the nurse and patient can diminish feelings of isolation and provide needed support.



***Aid in dying:*** Aid in dying is an end-of-life care option in which mentally competent, terminally ill adults request their physician provide a prescription for medication that the patients can, if they choose, self-administer to bring about a peaceful death (Compassion & Choices, 2012).

***Euthanasia:*** Euthanasia, often called "mercy killing", is the act of putting to death someone suffering from a painful and prolonged illness or injury. Euthanasia means that someone other than the patient commits an action with the intent to end the patient's life, for example injecting a patient with a lethal dose of medication. Patients may consent to euthanasia (voluntary), refuse euthanasia (involuntary), or be unable to consent to euthanasia (non-voluntary). In euthanasia someone not only makes the means of death available, but serves as the direct agent of death.

For the purpose of this position statement, the term *euthanasia* refers to those actions that are inconsistent with the *The Code* and are ethically unacceptable, whether the euthanasia is voluntary, involuntary, or non-voluntary. The nursing profession's opposition to nurse participation in euthanasia does not negate the obligation of the nurse to provide compassionate, ethically justified end-of-life care which includes the promotion of comfort and the alleviation of suffering, adequate pain control, and at times, foregoing life-sustaining treatments. Though there is a profound commitment both by the profession and the individual nurse to the patient's right to self-determination, limits to this commitment do exist. In order to preserve the moral mandates of the profession and the integrity of the individual nurse, nurses are not obligated to comply with all patient and family requests. The nurse should acknowledge to the patient and family the inability to follow a specific request and the rationale for it (2010c).

***Hospice care:*** Hospice care is the care of patients and families at end-of-life during the last few weeks or months of life and, as such, builds on the palliative care model to minimize suffering by providing appropriate symptom management and emotional support. In a study conducted by Herman and Looney (2011), symptom distress was the variable that most significantly correlated with quality of life following by symptom frequency, severity, and depression. The higher the symptom distress (inclusive of depression), frequency, and severity, the lower the quality of life. As noted by Sherman and Cheon (2012):

"In short, palliative care/hospice partnership creates a common sense allocation of health care resources as patients move across the illness trajectory and approach the end-of-life. With palliative and hospice care, the wishes and preferences of patients and families are respected, often with a desire to withdraw life-prolonging treatments and insure their comfort and dignity as death approaches." (p. 156)

**Palliative sedation:** The primary intent of palliative and hospice care is to relieve or minimize suffering through effective symptom management in order to enhance the patient's quality of life and support patients and families in the dying process. There are times, however, when the patient's symptoms may become intractable and refractory to treatment. Both the definition and terminology associated with palliative sedation have been widely debated. In its 2011 position statement entitled "Palliative Sedation", the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) states that:

"While there is no universally accepted definition, palliative sedation can be understood as the controlled and monitored use of non-opioid medications intended to lower the patient's level of consciousness to the extent necessary, for relief of awareness of refractory and unendurable symptoms. Previously, palliative sedation was termed terminal sedation; however, the term palliative sedation more accurately describes the intent and application to palliate the patient's experience of symptoms rather than to cause or hasten the patient's death" (p. 1).

Interdisciplinary assessment and collaboration is essential to determining the appropriateness of palliative sedation and assure effective communication between the patient, family, significant other, surrogate, and/or other healthcare providers. (HPNA, 2011, p. 2). As patient advocate, the nurse plays a pivotal role in maintaining the human dignity of persons by providing highly competent, compassionate nursing care that is ethically appropriate and consistent with acceptable standards of nursing practice. HPNA describes:

"... the ethical justification that supports palliative sedation is based in precepts of dignity, respect for autonomy, beneficence, fidelity, nonmaleficence, and the principle of double effect, which evaluates an action based on intended outcome and the proportionality of benefit and harm" (p. 1).

**Withholding, withdrawing, and refusal of treatment:** The withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment (WWLST), such as mechanical ventilation, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, chemotherapy, dialysis, antibiotics, and artificially provided nutrition and hydration, is ethically acceptable. Studies indicate that most patients who die in a hospital, particularly in intensive care, do so following the withdrawing or the withholding of life-prolonging therapies (Ersek, 2005). WWLST is allowing the patient to die from their underlying medical condition and does not involve an action to end the patient's life.

Patients have the right to exercise their decisional authority relative to health care decisions, including foregoing life-sustaining treatments. The provision of medications with the intent to promote comfort and relieve suffering is not to be confused with the administration of medication with the intent to end the patient's life. In palliative sedation, medications are used to create varying degrees of unconsciousness for the relief of severe, refractory symptoms at end-of-life, when all other palliative interventions have failed. Some clinicians and ethicists consider this an alternative to assisted suicide, as the intention of the physician is not to cause death, but to relieve suffering (Quill, Lee, & Nunn, 2000). Some have argued that patients have a right to the autonomous choice of assisted suicide and that ending suffering quickly is an act of beneficence (Ersek, 2004, 2005).

**Legislative and community initiatives:** Fontana (2002) asserts that nurses caring for terminally-ill patients who are considering assisted suicide will increase as the aid-in-dying movement continues to achieve momentum. Three states have legalized assisted suicide, beginning with Oregon in 1997, followed by Washington in 2008, and Montana in 2009 (Lachman, 2010). The mission of the organization, Compassion & Choices, is to "improve care and expand choice at the end of life" ([www.compassionandchoices.org](http://www.compassionandchoices.org)). Compassion & Choices provides education, support, and advocacy to patients and families related to accessing excellent end-of-life care, promotes healthcare policy initiatives to expand the option of assisted suicide, and upholds an individual's right to seek assisted suicide to avoid intolerable suffering. Nurses will likely be increasingly exposed to requests from patients or families and encounter ethical dilemmas surrounding the legal option of assisted suicide. Nurses need to be aware of their own sense of suffering, discomfort, confusion, and inadequacy that could be caused by aid-in-dying. Nurses should seek the expertise and resources of others including nurse colleagues, other interprofessional healthcare team members, pastoral services, hospice specialists, and ethics consultants/committees when confronting the complexity of these issues. Acknowledgement of the struggle of those loved ones caring for the patient and the patient's vulnerability can connect nurses deeply with the experience of the patient and family.

Despite changes in a few states regarding the legalization of assisted suicide, the public, as well as professional nursing, remains uneasy. Seventy percent of the Ferrell et al (2002) sample of oncology nurses opposed legalization of assisted suicide. Carroll (2007) found a public divided, but an increasing acceptance toward support of both assisted suicide and euthanasia. Nursing needs to be prepared for political and public moral discourse on these issues and to understand how *The Code* responds to these questions. Nurses must examine assisted suicide and euthanasia not only from the perspective of the individual patient, but from the societal and professional community perspectives as well. Involvement in community dialogue and deliberation on these issues will allow nurses to recommend, uphold initiatives, and provide leadership in promoting optimal symptom management and end-of-life care.

The Oregon Nurses Association (ONA) has developed resources to guide nurses in their practice around patient or family requests for assistance in dying (ONA, 1997). Nurses can choose to be involved in providing care to a patient who has made the choice to end his/her life or may decline to

participate based on personal moral values and beliefs. In this latter case the nurse can “conscientiously object to being involved in delivering care. ONA states that the nurse is obliged to provide for the patient’s safety, to avoid abandonment, and withdraw only when assured that alternative sources of care are available to the patient” (Task Force, 2008, p. 2).

If the nurse chooses to stay involved with the patient, the nurse may do all of the following:

- Explain the law as it currently exists.
- Discuss and explore patient options with regard to end-of-life decisions and provide resource information or link the patient and family to access the services or resources they are requesting.
- Explore reasons for the patient’s request to end his or her life and make a determination as to whether the patient is depressed and, if so, whether the depression is influencing his or her decision, or whether the patient has made a rational decision based on personal values and beliefs (ONA, 1997, p. 2).

***Professional organization perspectives on participation:*** Both the American Medical Association and the ANA (2010b) state that clinician’s participation in assisted suicide is incompatible with professional role integrity and violates the social contract the professions have with society. Physician-assisted suicide is essentially discordant with the physician’s role as healer, would be problematic to control, and would pose grave societal risks. Instead of joining in assisted suicide, physicians must aggressively answer to the necessities of patients at the end of life (AMA, 1996). Both have vowed to honor the sanctity of life and their duty not to inflict harm (nonmaleficence). The American Psychological Association (2009) takes a position that neither endorses nor opposes assisted suicide at this time. The American Public Health Association (2008):

“Supports allowing a mentally competent, terminally ill adult to obtain a prescription for medication that the person could self-administer to control the time, place, and manner of his or her impending death, where safeguards equivalent to those in the Oregon DDA [Death with Dignity Act] are in place. A “terminal condition” is defined in state statutes. Some states specify a life expectancy of 1 year or 6 months; other states refer to expectation of death within a “reasonable period of time”. .

Acknowledging the prohibition against participation in assisted suicide does not necessarily lessen the distress and conflict a nurse may feel when confronted with a patient's request. Nurses may encounter agonizing clinical situations and experience the personal and professional tension and ambiguity surrounding these decisions. The reality that all forms of human suffering and pain cannot necessarily be removed except through death is not adequate justification for professional sanctioning of assisted suicide.

Nurses receiving requests for assistance in dying is not new. Many studies have documented such requests (Asch, 1996, 1997) Ferrell, Virani, Grant, Coyne, & Uman 2000; Ganzini, Harvath, Jackson, Goy, Miller, & Delorit, 2002; Matzo & Emanuel, 1997; Volker, 2003). The number of requests and the nurse's subsequent illegal action was initially startling to some, especially in the Asch (1996) study, where 17% of the critical care nurses received requests and 16% engaged in assisted suicide or euthanasia. The validity of the study was questioned because the definitions were vague. In Matzo and Emanuel (1997) only 1% of respondents stated that they provided or prescribed drugs they knew would be used for assisted suicide. Ferrell, et al. (2000) found 3% had assisted in helping patients obtain medication and 2% had administered a lethal injection at the patient's request.

The nurse may not administer the medication that will lead to the end of the patient's life. Also the nurse may not subject patients, families, or colleagues to judgmental comments about the patient's choice. If the nurse believes that assisted suicide is morally justified, but works in a jurisdiction where assisted suicide is illegal, then participating puts the nurse at risk for civil and criminal prosecution, loss of license, and imprisonment (Ersek, 2005). Relative to ANA's position, participation in assisted suicide would be in direct violation of *The Code*.

Several questions are still relevant to assess the patient's request for dying. All of the questions are directed to understanding the meaning of the request to the patient. For example, questions such as: What reason does the patient give for the request? Does the patient view suicide as the only option? What is the social, cultural, and religious context? These questions assist nurses in better understanding the meaning of these requests and help patients deal with the emotional suffering that may accompany this burden.

## Recommendations

- Increase education for undergraduate, graduate, and doctorally-prepared nurses in developing effective communication skills in caring for patients with life threatening illnesses who request assisted suicide or euthanasia.
- Increase education for nurses in values clarification to promote nurses' understanding and clarify attitudes towards euthanasia and assisted suicide while at the same time supporting a patients' autonomous decision-making.
- Develop and/or coordinate efforts with other nursing organizations to help nurses reframe end-of-life care communication to avoid inflammatory language (i.e. "pull the plug") that undermines improvements in palliative care and to continue the dialogue regarding nursing's role when patients request assistance in dying.
- Collaborate with local nursing organizations in states where assisted suicide is legal to educate nurses regarding what professional obligations do and do not exist when nurses in those states are present at such requests.

- Increase ANA outreach to the media to assist the public in acquiring a better understanding of palliative care and hospice and dispel potential misunderstandings.
- Promote frank and open discussions within nursing at the highest levels of leadership in an effort to discourage secrecy and misunderstanding as to the realities of daily nursing practice for those nurses who work in practice settings where these issues are not unusual, given the population being served.
- Provide resources to help nurses manage their own distress and the distress of their patients when assisted suicide or euthanasia is requested.
- Encourage nurses to seek the expertise and resources of others including nurse colleagues, other interprofessional healthcare team members, pastoral services, hospice specialists, and ethics consultants/committees when confronting the complexity of these issues.
- Increase nursing's voice in the assisted suicide and euthanasia debates in practice and legislative arenas to articulate the reasons for ANA's opposition to nursing's participation, based upon its ethical position as reflected in *The Code*.

## Summary

The American Nurses Association recognizes that assisted suicide and euthanasia continue to be debated. Despite philosophical and legal arguments in favor of assisted suicide, it is the position of the ANA as specified in *The Code* that nurses' participation in assisted suicide and euthanasia is strictly prohibited.

Nurses must acquire the competencies required to become experts in providing palliative care and manage the patient's symptoms compassionately and effectively in collaboration with other members of the interprofessional healthcare team. Nurses must remain informed and be cognizant of shifting moral landscapes, legislative activity, and ongoing debate related to assisted suicide and euthanasia. More education is needed to assist nurses in responding in an ethical and compassionate manner that is consistent with the provisions and interpretive statements outlined in *The Code* when patients present with such requests.

ANA acknowledges that there are nurses working in states where assisted suicide is legal. The ANA Center for Ethics and Human Rights is available to provide consultation to nurses who are confronted with these ethical dilemmas to assist them in upholding their professional responsibilities, despite the moral distress they may encounter when confronted with these situations.

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February 24 , 2017

TO: Honorable Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary & Labor Committee

RE: SB 1129 Relating to Health  
Support for hearing on Feb. 28

Americans for Democratic Action is an organization founded in the 1950s by leading supporters of the New Deal and led by Patsy Mink in the 1970s. We are devoted to the promotion of progressive public policies.

We support SB 1129 as it would establish a death with dignity act under which a terminally ill adult resident may obtain a prescription for medication to end the patient's life. This is not a death panel. This is a choice. We must put ourselves in the shoes of those who are suffering and terminally ill. The medical field has developed with the purpose to alleviate suffering in life. Death is a part of life and should be as peaceful and free of suffering as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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**SB1129**

Submitted on: 2/27/2017

Testimony for JDL on Feb 28, 2017 11:30AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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**THE SENATE**  
**THE TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE**  
**REGULAR SESSION OF 2017**

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR**

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Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

**NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING**

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2017  
TIME: 11:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 016  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

**Testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of SB1129 SD1**

**In support of the SD1**

Due to Hawaii's geographical makeup, we request this paragraph be amended to read: "... by at least one consulting physician who is qualified by specialty or experience to make a professional diagnosis and prognosis regarding the patient's disease." Patients should not be penalized because they do not live in Urban Honolulu.

**In addition:** Advanced Practice Registered Nurses can sign death certificates, and are primary care providers (PCP) to many patients in the state, especially in rural areas of the Neighbor Islands. They must be included.

**Justification:** For Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, who practice in rural areas, will have to seek out the cooperation of **two** "physicians" who support Death with Dignity, and are willing to become a PCP for a patient they do not know, and is terminal. This increases the stress on everyone involved, the patient, the family as well as the caregivers unnecessarily. APRN's should have some role with their patients in this legislation.

In Hawaii 268,163 people live in rural Hawaii There are only 2 Rural Health Clinics in Hawaii and 14 Federally Qualified Health Centers.

Advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) are a vital part of the health system of the United States. They are registered nurses educated at Masters or post Masters level and in a specific role and patient population.

APRNs are prepared by education and certification to assess, diagnose, and manage patient problems, order tests, and prescribe medications.

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### **Re.: Scientific OPPOSITION and Testimony TO Hawaii's SB 1129 - "Medical "Aid" in Dying"**

[ AKA, the Doctor Kaborkian law-LESSness Bill ! **This Bill Takes Advantage of the Vulnerable AND THE Weak in our Community.** Period. ]

- **\* NO Medical AID IS REQUIRED \*** to be PROVIDED, this is a **Self-Service Suicide Bill**, as Suicide Prescription is Giving to the Suicide VICTIM to SELF-ADMINISTER WITHOUT Medical Expertise Required to "monitor" IN ANY FORM WHILE Euthanizing the Victim !

Dear Honorable Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee Chair Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Senator Karl Rhoads, Senator Laura Thielen, Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Senator Mike Gabbard,

Thank you for your service to our Community !

## **NO HOPE FOR THE SUICIDAL**

This Lethal Bill provides NO Hope other than Death, and Provides No Room for a MIRACLE, of which we see in Countless Measure in our Ministry, Community AND World !

## **SUICIDE IS SELF-ADMINISTERED WITHOUT MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL(S)**

We CAN SEE the lawsuits now, for the following reasons:

At this drafting of this demoralizing bill, **SB 1129 SELF-ADMINISTERED Suicide !** AND, if ANYTHING GOES WRONG with this self-administered Suicide, can Victims come knocking at your Legislators' Doors to remedy the scenarios, with probable litigation ... ?!

## **SUICIDAL PERSONS ARE NOT LEGALLY COMPETENT**

Regretfully, for the drafters of this **Flawed Bill, Suicide Patients MUST BE PROVEN TO BE COMPETENT** in order to make medical decisions for themselves and others ... ESPECIALLY WHEN MAKING Medical Decisions to TERMINATE Life ! The American Psychological Profession STILL DEEMS Depression, PARTICULARLY Depression that INCLUDES Feelings of Suicide as a TREATABLE MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER -- **As SUCH, the Suicidal Patient is NOT LEGALLY COMPETENT to make the decision for suicide.**

## **DIGNITY AND COMFORT IS PROVIDED BY MODERN MEDICINE FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL, AGED, AND SUICIDAL PATIENTS**

**This Bill Takes Advantage of the Vulnerable AND THE Weak in our Community** -- Namely, the Infirm, the Terminally Ill, Aged AND IN ALL CASES SUICIDAL ! in their time of weakness, pain, regret or despair.

Medical AND MENTAL HEALTH Professional are, or should be on hand to comfort, including pain management, end-of-life Counseling, etc. These are usually MOST beneficial CARE for Patients, allowing them to recognize (come to terms with) the facts of their case AND make HEALTHY, RATIONAL Decisions for their future care, assets and Relationships.

**LOGISTICS OF THE SUICIDE “STRATEGY” PROVIDED BY THIS BILL**

A Self-Administered Suicide Bill **WITHOUT** Medical Monitoring IS A PRESCRIPTION FOR PROBLEMS. We defer to Attorney Jim Hochberg’s OPPOSITION Testimony for this Bill’s, Presentation, paragraphs 3 forward, included below:



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### TESTIMONY IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO SB 1129 SD1

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2017; 11:30 a.m.; Conference Room 016

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Jim Hochberg and I am a civil rights attorney who has practiced law in Hawaii since 1984 (33 years). I testify in strong opposition to this bill. We should not change the definition of the practice of medicine (the treatment of disease and maintenance of health) to include now the elimination of the patient by suicide. That is simply not the definition of the practice of medicine and you should not change the definition to include it. The law of unintended consequences should advise you against passing this bill out of your committee.

In 1896, the Hawaii Territorial Legislature enacted the statutory definition of the practice of medicine to be the treatment of disease in humans. That concept has been the definition of the practice of medicine since Hippocrates of Kos offered it in the late 5th century BC. For the last roughly 2,500 years, that understanding has led to the trust between medical professionals and their patients that continues to today. The Hawaii definition has only been changed a couple of times since 1896, and all of those changes increased the type of treatment permitted, and permitted those new treatments **only** for maintaining health and treating disease.

Without an accepted medical protocol for suicide by seconol, doctors are guessing on the proposed protocol for medical suicide. In the places that have legalized physician assisted suicide, the suicide medicine often comes with dangers of unintended survival of the patient with new health issues, or organ failure, coma and the like. **MORE IMPORTANTLY**, should the patient not consume the prescribed 100 capsules of the deadly medicine those pills will be left somewhere in the home without doctor supervision. This is **TOO DANGEROUS!**

This is how the process will actually play out if physician assisted suicide become law. The physician writes a prescription for anti-nausea pills and 100 capsules of seconol, a sedative drug. After giving the patient the prescription, that is the end of the doctor's assistance in the suicide

**KILL BILL SB1129 ! Is the ONLY REASONABLE KILLING THAT SHOULD BE LEGAL IN THIS STATE**

Can the State's Legislative Body get past all the KILLING INITIATIVES to more pressing issues that have REAL IMPACT for Measurable improvements on the \* Standards of Living for Hawaii's Communities\*: Namely, tying up the loopholes in the Laws that ALLOW THE FIFTH (5<sup>th</sup>) WEALTHIEST MAN IN THE WORD to BUY AN ENTIRE Hawaiian Island AND **PAY NO TAX IN THIS TRANSACTION** ! While the Middle Class, upper Middle Class are LEFT HOLDING THE BAG to pay for the States' Infrastructure Repairs, multi-million \$ dollar elephants sitting on Hawaii's Gold Coast Property in The Honolulu Zoo,, and wealthy Investors buy 700 acres of Kauai's Coastline—the Rug IS BEING pulled out from under us as the State IS BEING bought up by the wealthy AND the rest of us are paying the taxes FOR ALL OF THIS – including Killing our citizens who might as well be grieving over the aforementioned !

Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Respectfully AND with aloha for ALL our Communities' Citizenry,

With the Warmest of Aloha ~

Belinda Jacobs

**Testimony on SB 1129, The Hawai'i Death with Dignity Act**  
**Kat West, National Director of Policy & Programs, Compassion & Choices**  
**Hawai'i Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor**  
**February 28, 2017**

**Introduction**

Good morning Chair and Members of the Committee. My name is Kat West, Director of Policy & Programs for Compassion & Choices, the nation's oldest and largest nonprofit organization working to improve care and expand choice at the end of life. We are here today to express our support for SB 1129, the Death with Dignity Act, and its goals of improving the quality of end-of-life care for Hawaii's terminally ill patients and their families.

**What is Medical Aid in Dying?**

Medical aid in dying refers to a medical practice in which a mentally capable, terminally ill adult with six months or fewer to live may request from his or her physician a prescription for a medication that the he or she can self-administer to achieve a peaceful death when, and if, their suffering becomes unbearable. Many dying patients suffer, even with the best care and pain management. Terminally ill people should have a full range of end-of-life options, whether for disease-specific treatment, palliative care, refusal of life-prolonging treatment and the right to request medication the patient can choose to self-administer to shorten a prolonged and difficult dying process.

**Voter Support for Medical Aid in Dying is Strong**

Numerous polls from a variety of sources, both nationally and at the state level, demonstrate that the American public consistently supports medical aid in dying. In Hawai'i, a recent poll<sup>7</sup> demonstrated overwhelming support from voters (80%). In 2016, a Lifeway Research survey put national support for medical aid in dying at 67%. Majority support spanned a variety of demographic groups including White Americans (71%), Hispanic Americans (69%), more than half of Black, Non-Hispanic Americans (53%); aged 18 to 24 (77%), 35 to 44 (63%) and 55 to 64 (64%); with some college education (71%), with graduate degrees (73%) and with high school diplomas or less (61%). Majority support also included most faith groups, including Christians (59%), Catholics (70%), Protestants (53%), those of other religions (70%) and those who identified as non-religious (84%).

**Physician Support for Medical Aid in Dying is Strong**

Among U.S. physicians, support for medical aid in dying is also strong. A December 2016 Medscape poll<sup>8</sup> of more than 7500 U.S. physicians from more than 25 specialties demonstrated a significant increase in support for medical aid in dying from 2010. Today well over half (57%) of the physicians surveyed endorse the idea of medical aid in dying, agreeing that "Physician assisted death should be allowed for terminally ill patients." Additionally, most of the medical associations in authorized states currently have neutral positions on medical aid in dying including Oregon, California, Washington and Colorado.

## **SB 1129**

The bill you are considering is modeled after the groundbreaking Oregon Death with Dignity Act, which was drafted over 20 years ago, during a time when no other state authorized the medical practice of aid in dying. In a growing number of jurisdictions, lawmakers like yourselves are

examining the Oregon experience and developing legislative approaches that are appropriate for them. SB 1129 is sound legislation based on a proven track record.

### **Established Process: Eligibility Criteria and Core Safeguards**

SB 1129 establishes strict eligibility criteria as well as guidelines that meet the highest standard of care for the medical practice of aid in dying as described in clinical criteria published in the prestigious and peer reviewed Journal of Palliative Medicine. To be eligible for aid-in-dying medication, an adult must be terminally ill, with a prognosis of six months or less to live and mentally capable of making his or her own healthcare decisions. In addition to the strict eligibility criteria, SB 1129 establishes core safeguards including that the attending physician must inform terminally ill adults requesting medical aid in dying about other end-of-life options including comfort care, hospice care and pain control and the terminally ill adult must self-administer the aid-in-dying medication.

### **Additional Regulatory Requirements**

SB 1129 requires that a consulting physician must confirm the terminal diagnosis, prognosis of six months or less to live and mental capability of the terminally ill individual requesting this option. If either the attending or consulting physician is unable to determine whether the individual has mental capacity in making the request, a mental health professional (psychiatrist or psychologist) must evaluate the individual and ensure that they are capable of making their own healthcare decisions prior to a prescription being written.

The terminally ill adult must make two verbal and one written request to their doctor that is signed by two witnesses; the doctor must offer the individual multiple opportunities to withdraw their request; and inform the individual that they may withdraw their request at any time or choose not to take the medication.

### **Voluntary Participation**

A healthcare provider may choose whether to voluntarily participate in medical aid in dying. The bill ensures that no doctor or pharmacist is obligated to prescribe or dispense aid-in-dying medication. However, if a doctor is unable or unwilling to honor a patient's request and the patient transfers his or her care to a new provider, the prior provider must transfer upon request a copy of the patient's relevant medical records to the new physician.

### **Criminal Conduct**

Additionally, SB 1129 establishes that any person who, without authorization from the patient, willfully alters, forges, conceals or destroys an instrument, a reinstatement, or revocation of an instrument or any other evidence or document reflecting the terminally ill individual's desires and interests with the intent and effect of hastening the death of the

individual is guilty of a Class A felony.

### **A Combined Thirty Years of Experience Demonstrates Medical Aid in Dying is a Safe and Trusted Practice**

Medical aid in dying is a safe and trusted practice. Opponents to medical aid in dying legislation try to use scare tactics by painting a dark picture of fraud, coercion, and murdering relatives. These scare tactics includes concerns the law would target the disabled, elderly, frail, uninsured or any vulnerable groups. *These dire predictions simply do not happen.* In the more than 30 combined years of medical aid in dying in authorized states, there has not been a single instance of documented coercion or abuse. The experience in the authorized state shows us the law has worked as intended, with none of the problems opponents had predicted.

Indeed, rather than posing a risk to patients or the medical profession, the Death with Dignity Act has galvanized significant improvements in the care of the terminally ill and dying in Oregon. Surveyed on their efforts to improve end-of-life care since medical aid in dying became available, 30% of responding physicians had increased referrals to hospice care, and 76% made efforts to improve their knowledge of pain management.<sup>10</sup> Hospice nurses and social workers surveyed in Oregon observed an increase in physician knowledge of palliative care and willingness to refer to hospice.<sup>11</sup>

In addition to the improvement of end-of-life care, the option of medical aid in dying has psychological benefits for both the terminally ill and the healthy.<sup>12</sup> The availability of the option of medical aid in dying gives the terminally ill autonomy, control and *choice*, the overwhelming motivational factor behind the decision to request assistance in dying.<sup>13</sup> Healthy Oregonians know that if they ever face a terminal illness, they will have this additional end-of-life option and the peace of mind it provides. And importantly, surviving loved ones of patients who choose medical aid in dying suffer none of the adverse mental health impacts that come when a loved one commits suicide.<sup>14</sup>

### **Patient Privacy, Reporting on Death Certificates**

One provision we would like address is that SB 1129 does not require that the death certificate list the underlying terminal illness as the cause of death. That means that the death could be reported as medical aid in dying or overdose. Not only does this treat patients who make the personal decision to use medical aid in dying differently than patients who choose other means to achieve comfort and symptom relief during the process of death but failing to protect the patient's privacy on publicly reported documents could influence the patient's decision. We would suggest a friendly amendment to include this provision within the bill.

### **Conclusion**

The bill before you is a responsible piece of legislation that responds to your many constituents who believe that medical aid in dying should be available as a end-of-life care option and that this deeply personal decision should be left to the patient, their family and their doctor.

Thank you again, Chair and Members of the Committee, for your timely leadership on this important issue.

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**TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE JUDICIARY AND LABOR COMMITTEE**

As the State Director for Concerned Women for America of Hawaii, I join with my members here in Hawaii in opposing SB1129 SD1. There is no "Dignity for Death" when a person is helped to end their own life. God, and God alone, is the Author of life. We must not take on the role of God and take life into our own hands, placing it at the whim of human, inconsistent judgment. Human life is precious, from keiki to Kupuna.

**Here are just some of the many concerns we have about physician-assisted suicide:**

- There are not sufficient safeguards against coercion and elder abuse. At least one in 10 elderly people is the victim of domestic abuse, which is difficult for a healthcare provider to identify. Because any doctor can write a lethal prescription, an abuser can “doctor shop” until they find a provider willing to assist them in killing their victim.
- Dominant reasons motivating patients to choose assisted suicide are related to a disability: loss of autonomy, loss of enjoyable life activities and loss of dignity.
- Modern medicine has made significant advances in pain control. Doctors now have a range of options to treat pain in terminally ill patients, including even palliative sedation as a last resort.
- The reasons patients choose assisted suicide, have nothing to do with pain management. Fear of inadequate pain control is one of patients’ least cited reasons.

God has given us the gift of life, He is the only one who can take it away. We are asking you to vote “NO” on SB1129.

Sincerely,

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# Testimony in Support of SB 1129, Hawai'i Medical Aid in Dying Act

Before the Committee on Judiciary and Labor of the Hawai'i Senate

February 28, 2017

I am the executive director of the Death with Dignity National Center, an organization dedicated to improving and expanding the medical options available to terminally ill patients. In addition, I am a social worker, an instructor at the Portland State University School of Social Work, and the surviving widow of a terminally ill individual who wanted desperately to control the timing and manner of his death. As an advocate and a family member profoundly impacted by an avoidable and horrible dying experience, I strongly commend the sponsors of this legislation for their leadership in bringing this important issue forward.

Advances in medical technology have led to improvements in the care of dying patients that were unimaginable even a generation ago. But these same breakthroughs have allowed some terminally ill patients to be kept "alive" far beyond any point of natural death, leading to extensive suffering and a diminished quality of life. To address this social problem, in 1997 Oregon enacted a carefully crafted Death with Dignity law that allows a terminally ill person to receive a prescription to hasten death safely and humanely, and requires that the medication be self-administered.

## **Death with Dignity: The Oregon Experience**

Now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year of successful implementation, the Oregon Death with Dignity Act sets forth precisely delineated conditions under which a patient may qualify for the medication. The bill under consideration in Hawai'i draws upon this model and the comprehensive peer-reviewed medical literature examining Oregon's experience with it. These provisions act as safeguards to prevent abuse and medical mistakes, and they have worked exceedingly well. The requirements include a minimum age (18), maximum prognosis (6 months), waiting periods, repeated requests, second doctor's opinion, and a finding of mental capability, as well as mandatory discussion of hospice and all other feasible alternatives.

Annually, the State of Oregon issues a report on usage patterns related to Death with Dignity, and I would like to share some of findings from the most recent report. In the 19 years the law has been successfully implemented only 1,127 Oregonians have hastened their deaths under the auspices of the law.

The Death with Dignity Act in Oregon is rarely used; in 2016, 3.72 out of 1,000 deaths in the state were attributable to physician-prescribed aid in dying. In those same 19 years, 1,749 individuals have received prescriptions to hasten their death, meaning that over time, about 30 percent of individuals who went through all the steps to qualify chose not to hasten their deaths, but rather died from their underlying terminal illness. For them, the Death with Dignity Act provided peace of mind and a modicum of control during their final days.

The data tell us that most participants had cancer (77.4 percent) or ALS (7.9 percent), died at home (93.4 percent) and were receiving comprehensive end-of-life care through participation and enrollment with hospice (90.2 percent). Fifty-four percent had private insurance and 44.6 percent had a government-funded form of medical insurance like Medicaid or Medicare. Individuals who take advantage of Death with Dignity in Oregon are not individuals without other health care options. They are insured, they are cared for by hospice, and they tend to die at home surrounded by their loved ones.

## Death with Dignity Provides Comfort to Patients and Families

Oregon has proven that the existence of the legal option of physician Death with Dignity, though it is sparingly used, is of enormous comfort to terminally ill patients and their families. Moreover, it has had a positive psychological effect upon countless others as they think about what kind of end-of-life care they would want if they were to experience terminal illness.

Despite the cataclysmic predictions of its opponents, the Oregon experience has also shown that such a legal alternative can be a catalyst for medical progress, prompting other improvements that enhance the overall medical care of terminally ill patients in the state. A robust process of public education and legislative debate can be expected to spawn new and creative proposals to advance end-of-life care in Hawai'i.

The process in which you are engaged is of the utmost importance to the people of Hawai'i who want and deserve the highest quality, most humane end-of-life care possible. I applaud your efforts, urge you to pass SB 1129, and offer my personal and professional assistance as you grapple with this profound subject.

Thank you,



Peg Sandeen  
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Death with Dignity National Center

February 28, @ 11:30am  
Conference Room 016  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT:  
SB 1129, SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH. ESTABLISHING A DEATH WITH DIGNITY ACT

SUBMITTED BY: Amy Agbayani, chair  
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Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and members of the Committee

The Filipino-American Advocacy Network strongly support SB 1129 SD1 because we believe all individuals should have the right to die with dignity. I was born in the Philippines and raised as a Catholic. I feel that my religious beliefs are consistent with my support for this bill and I also believe in the separation of church and state.

The states who have enacted death with dignity laws can document that there are appropriate safeguards against abuse. The physicians, family members and patients in these states and the state of Hawai'i understand the critical need to respectfully follow strict requirements to enable terminally ill residents to make decisions to end their lives in a peaceful manner.

Please approve sb 1129, SD1



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**Written Testimony in Strong Support of SB1129, SD1  
From the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu**

TO: The Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor (JDL)

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 016

Aloha e Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and JDL Committee Members,

My name is Steve Lohse, I am Chair of the Social Justice Council of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of First Unitarian in Strong Support of SB1129, SD1, Relating to Health, establishing a medical aid in dying act.

**SB1129, SD1 is about freedom – freedom of our most personal life choices, freedom from unwarranted interference in our most personal beliefs and values, and *freedom from unnecessary suffering*.** The First Unitarian Church of Honolulu, affirming and promoting the inherent worth and dignity of all persons and justice, equity, and compassion in human relations,

- advocates the right to self-determination in dying, and the release from civil or criminal penalties of those who, under proper safeguards, act to honor the right of terminally ill patients to select the time of their own deaths;
- advocates safeguards against abuses by those who would hasten death contrary to an individual's desires;
- supports legislation that creates legal protections for The Right To Die With Dignity, in accordance with one's own choice; and
- supports the following statements from the "TIAH and Religious Leaders for Assisted Dying" Position Statement of The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii (TIAH):

"We respect the right of competent adults to make their own decisions concerning end of life choices according to their own beliefs and values. . . . We do not support the indiscriminate taking of one's own life, but rather acknowledge that in certain carefully defined circumstances, it would be humane to recognize that death is certain and suffering is great. . . . **Just as we should be free to worship according to our individual understanding of faith, we should have the freedom in making our own end-of-life choices.** . . . Those who oppose assisted dying based on their own moral, ethical, or religious beliefs simply need not participate. **We do not believe it is up to any religious leader to dictate how this final and perhaps most intimate decision between a dying person and his or her God should be made.**" (For the full TIAH Position Statement, please see [http://www.interfaithalliancehawaii.org/position-statements/assisted-dying/.](http://www.interfaithalliancehawaii.org/position-statements/assisted-dying/))

**Please, do not support unnecessary suffering. Please, pass SB1129, SD1. Thank you!**

Aloha no,  
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### **Testimony supporting Senate Bill 1129 SD1 “Relating To Health”**

#### **Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor**

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

11:30 a.m.

Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Senators Keith-Agaran, Rhoads and Honorable Committee Members,

My name is Scott Foster and I am testifying as the Communication Director of *Hawai`i Advocates For Consumer Rights* (AFCR) representing our 2000+ members across the state. 2017 begins our third decade advocating for Hawai`i consumers on issues such as car and health insurance reform, medical marijuana and Internet access.

We have supported *Death With Dignity* for many years and sincerely urge you to pass this long-needed legislation this year. Senate Bill 1129 SD1 is based on the acclaimed Oregon statute and includes all of the proven safeguards to protect patients from misuse. The Oregon law has been in effect since 1997 without a single incident of misuse and Oregon’s documented 20-year history and experience with the law has proven this to be fact, despite what vocal opponents may say.

Because of Hawaii’s geographical makeup and the growing shortage of doctors especially on the Neighbor Islands, we support Hawaii’s Advance Practice Registered Nurses being included

in the list of “providers.” Many APRNs are already engaged in palliative care in Hawaii’s hospices where anyone with a 6-month terminal diagnosis may go to receive end-of-life care.

In any event, please pass this legislation and let Hawaii’s citizens have this important freedom of choice, which is now enjoyed by the citizens of Oregon, California, Colorado, Vermont and Washington State.

Sincerely,

Scott Foster

Communications Director



## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE STATE OF HAWAII



**Hawaii Catholic Conference**  
The Public Policy Voice of the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii

Submitted Electronically: February 24, 2017

### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

SUBMITTED BY: Walter Yoshimitsu, Executive Director

POSITION: **STRONG OPPOSITION TO SB 1129 SD 1 Relating to Health**

The Hawaii Catholic Conference is the official public policy voice for the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii. The above-referenced bill would establish a death with dignity act under which a terminally ill adult resident may obtain a prescription for a lethal dose to end the patient's life. The Hawaii Catholic Conference **opposes** this bill for many reasons.

- It can blur longstanding medical, moral and legal distinctions between withdrawing extraordinary medical assistance and taking active steps to destroy human life. One lets people die a natural death; the other is the deliberate and direct act of hastening death.
- It can undermine the physician's role as healer, forever alter the doctor-patient relationship, and lessen the quality of care provided to patients at the end of life. The American Medical Association has stated that assisted suicide is "fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role" and would be "difficult or impossible to control."
- It can lead to psychological, financial and other pressures for vulnerable persons to end their lives. In today's era of health care rationing and cost-cutting, assisted suicide could easily rise to the level of the most acceptable, and even expected, "treatment" for terminal illness.

Rather than giving the doctors the legal protection to kill their patients, government should be consistent in its efforts to prevent it. It is illogical for the state to promote/facilitate suicide for one group of persons — calling the suicides of those with a terminal illness and a specific prognosis "dignified and humane," while recognizing suicide as a serious statewide public health concern in all other circumstances, and spending enormous resources to combat it.

Assisting in a person's death is not medical treatment, no matter how it is spinned. In Hawai'i, everyone, especially our kupuna, deserves better than a doctor who dispenses pills to intentionally cause death. Patients are best served when medical professionals, together with families and loved ones, provide support and care with dignity and respect, not lethal doses of drugs. Improved education and training of physicians in pain management, together with appropriate diagnosis and treatment for depression, would go a long way toward eliminating calls for suicide among the sick and the dying.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.



**Testimony supporting Senate Bill 1129 SD1 “Relating To Health”**

**Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor**

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

11:30 a.m.

Conference Room 016

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Senators Keith-Agaran, Rhoads and Honorable Committee Members,

My name is Scott Foster and I am testifying as the Communications Director for the *Hawai'i Death With Dignity Society*, a position I have held since 2002 when we came close to passing a similar bill but lost that by only three Senate votes. According to the Hawai'i State Department of Health, since 2002, approximately 7% per 1000 people have died annually and one might only imagine how many of those who have passed since 2002 suffered prolonged, painful, hopeless deaths in cold hospitals connected to machines and plastic tubes of all descriptions.

Because of the rural character of our geographically separated islands and the growing shortage of physicians in Hawai'i, we support the addition of Hawaii's Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to the list of “providers.”

» It's important to know that Death with dignity laws greatly improves palliative and hospice care. After 20-years, over 90% of Oregonians requesting life-ending medications are in hospice, *twice the US average*.

» This law would allow a person the freedom of choice to die at a time and place of their choosing. Nationally, only 20% of people die at home while 90% of people using *Death With Dignity* die at home surrounded by their family, friends and their loving pets.

» *Death With Dignity* laws allow the terminally ill to decide for themselves what's best for them and to regain control over their illness and the conditions of their death.

» The option to die a peaceful death at the time and place of their choosing provides the terminally ill with invaluable peace of mind at an extremely private time of their lives.



» The latest Hawaii poll (Fall of 2016) revealed that “eight out of 10 Hawaii voters (80%) agreed that a mentally capable adult who is dying of a terminal disease that cannot be cured should have the legal option to request prescription medicine from their doctor, and use that medication to end their suffering in their final stages of dying.” A majority of Catholics (82%) and those associated with the Christian Fellowship (83%) said terminally ill adults definitely or probably should have this legal option.

Some of the many safeguards in SB1129 include:

- 1) Confirmation by two physicians of the patient's diagnosis, prognosis, mental competence, and voluntariness of the request;
- 2) Multiple requests by the patient: an oral request followed by a valid written request for medication which must be witnessed by at least two individuals in the presence of the patient, attest that to the best of their knowledge and belief the patient is capable, acting voluntarily, and is not being coerced to sign the request. One of the witnesses shall be a person who is not: A relative of the patient by blood, marriage, or adoption; A person who at the time the request is signed would be entitled to any portion of the estate of the qualified patient upon death under any will or by operation of law; or An owner, operator or employee of a health care facility where the qualified patient is receiving medical treatment or is a resident.
- 3) The patient's attending physician at the time the request is signed shall not be a witness.
- 4) If the patient is a patient in a long term care facility at the time the written request is made, one of the witnesses shall be an individual designated by the facility and having qualifications specified by the department of human services by rule.
- 5) Only adult residents of Hawaii who are mentally competent and have a terminal illness that will lead to death in six months or less will qualify. Patients must be capable of taking the medication themselves without assistance. No one will qualify solely based on age or disability.

Similar laws are now in effect in Oregon, California, Colorado, Vermont, and Washington and today, 22 other states are considering *medical aid in dying* legislation.

Please pass Senate Bill 1129 SD1 and give all of Hawaii's citizens the freedom to choose a Death With Dignity.

Sincerely,

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**ONLINE TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL**

**DATE:** February 24, 2017

**TO:** [COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR](#)  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

**FROM:** Eva Andrade, President

**RE:** Strong Opposition to SB1129 SD 1 Relating to Health

Aloha and thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong opposition to this measure. Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawaii. We oppose SB1129 SD 1 for several reasons:

***Suicide is Contagious!***

Physician-prescribed lethal-dose “cocktails” are not a medical treatment and we should not promote that message to our keiki. Studies have shown that in the few states that have passed this law, suicides increased.<sup>i</sup> In Hawaii, suicide was the most common cause of fatal injuries among Hawaii residents between 2010-2014, accounting for one-quarter of all fatal injuries. In fact, per current statistics, one person dies by suicide in Hawaii every two days. In Oregon where assisted suicide was legalized in 1994, their suicide rate has increased by 35%. SB1129 SD 1 imposes Oregon style suicides on Hawai’i and we simply should not do anything to exacerbate the problem we already have.

***Record keeping and a lack of transparency in reporting has been a big problem in the few states where this is legal.***

No matter what you try to accomplish with proposed “safeguards,” once that patient leaves the pharmacy, all alleged safeguards go away. If there are any problems, there is no mechanism to investigate. In fact, if we look at the Oregon model, we find the following:

“The identity of participating physicians is coded, but the identity of individual patients is not recorded in any manner. ***Approximately one year from the publication of the Annual Report, all source documentation is destroyed***”<sup>ii</sup>  
{emphasis mine}

In the end, physicians will not list death by assisted suicide on the death certificates. This means they are falsifying records and that should cause great concern to both prosecutors and the legal system. This type of law will make it extremely difficult to investigate and prosecute potential cases of abuse. Per the National Adult Protective Services Association, recent research indicates that elder financial exploitation and abuse is widespread, expensive, and sometimes even deadly.



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***It puts the poor, elderly, sick and disabled at risk for abuse – no matter what the proposed safeguards.***

With elder abuse already a major problem in Hawaii (one news story reported a 300% increase)<sup>iii</sup>, turning the right to die into a duty to die – creating subtle pressure on the elderly to end their lives early so as not to be a burden to their families – may very well be a consequence of this law.

Claims of “zero” abuse statistics do not make sense. Local physician Dr. Michael H. Plumer recently stated in a letter to the editor, “Actually, this probably proves that the Oregon record-keeping is meaningless. No human endeavor involving sickness and death operates for 20 years without abuse, fraud, complications and difficulty. Oregon’s records were deliberately set up by the organization to conceal problems, and they have done so for 20 years.<sup>iv</sup>”

Finally, contrary to conventional wisdom, the contemporary debate in this area is not about a mentally competent adult’s legal right to refuse medical treatment. That legal right currently exists. SB1129 SD1 is really about a physician’s so-called right to intentionally participate in ending the life of another person by prescribing a 9-10g lethal dose<sup>v</sup> of barbiturates. And that, when it is clearly articulated to the public, is simply not what the people of Hawaii want.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Hearing 11:30 am, February 28, 2017  
Judiciary and Labor Committee  
Conference Rm 016

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 1129 SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH ESTABLISHING A DEATH WITH  
DIGNITY ACT

SUBMITTED BY: FAYE KENNEDY, CO-CHAIR  
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Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Rhoads and members of the Committee:

I am writing to urge your support for sb1129 SD1. As an 85 year- old female who has had a very fulfilling, relatively healthy life, I am appalled by the thought of spending my final days in pain and suffering, should I develop a terminal illness. I find it repugnant to think that a physician could be subject to any civil or criminal liability for prescribing a prescription to me to alleviate my suffering, upon my request.

I speak as co-chair of the Hawaii Friends of Civil Rights (HFCR), an organization that promotes justice, equality and human dignity for all . Thank you for doing the right thing on this important, long- overdue issue.



Decision Making: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 @11:30a.m., Room 16

DATE: February 26, 2017

TO: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Rep. Keith Agaran, Chair

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair

FROM: Janet Grace, Coordinator

RE: Strong Opposition for SB1129 SD1 Relating to Health

Hawaii Life Alliance is comprised of many organizations Statewide that uphold the sanctity of human life and believe that life begins at conception and ends at natural death.

We STRONGLY OPPOSE SB1129 SD1 for many reasons, believing that if enacted will send a chilling effect throughout our islands:

Assisted Suicide involves a physician prescribing lethal drugs for a patient with the knowledge that the patient intends to use the drugs to commit suicide. Refusing ventilator, or some other life sustaining machine or treatment is not assisted suicide. The intent of refusing medical treatment is not to end a life, but to allow nature to take its course. With physician assisted suicide the intent is to kill the patient.

If assisted suicide is legalized, it becomes impossible to contain. It becomes impossible to protect the vulnerable and mentally ill. If legalized, it becomes, essentially death on demand.

Supporters of assisted suicide have long maintained that assisted suicide is necessary for those suffering from intractable pain; however, to date, there is still no documented case of assisted suicide being needed for untreatable pain. In fact, in the list of reasons patients choose to use assisted suicide, pain, or fear of pain, is the least used reason.

Dr. Linda Ganzini, professor of psychiatry at Oregon Health & Science University, surveyed family members of Oregon patients who requested assisted suicide. Her published report emphasizes this truth: "No physical symptoms experienced at the time of the request were rated higher than 2 on a 1 to 5 scale. In most cases, future concerns about physical symptoms were rated as more important than physical symptoms present at the time of the request. The study found that many physicians are surprised at the lack of suffering experienced by a patient who is requesting assisted suicide.

"Those promoting assisted suicide promised Oregon voters that it would be used only for extreme pain and suffering. Yet there has been no documented case of assisted suicide being used for untreatable pain. Instead, patients are being given lethal overdoses because of psychological and social concerns, especially fears that they may no longer be valued as people or may be a burden to their families." Dr. Greg Hamilton, Portland psychiatrist.

Suicide is always a tragedy. For all the rhetoric about dignity, assisted suicide is still suicide. Terminally ill patients need care to address the many aspects of their suffering. We can't allow our medical system to be corrupted by the illusion that suicide is an acceptable response to pain and depression for all. Please, in the true and unique spirit of aloha and the special way Hawaii's ohana care for our Kupuna, sick and disabled, I urge you to KILL SB 1129.

*Aloha Place for Women in Waipio ~ Aloha Pregnancy Care & Counseling Center ~ Aloha Life Advocates ~ Hawaii Family Forum ~ Hawaii Family Advocates ~ Hawaii Christian Coalition ~ The Pearson Foundation ~ PEACE Hawaii ~ Hawaii Catholic Conference ~ Respect Life Hawaii*



To:

Re: Bill Legalizing Physician Assisted Suicide

I am a physician who is opposed to physician assisted suicide.

There are those in the community who you have heard from who feel it is their right to request a physician give the medications that will allow them to die at their time, in their control.

While this “right” may seem worthy of consideration on the surface, I would like you to know that as an experienced physician, especially in my work with palliative care, that physician assisted suicide is dangerous, harmful, and will lead to a greater number of inappropriate deaths than appropriate. Why?

In my work with palliative care, I have met several patients who, because of suffering from pain, fear, loneliness in facing progressive disabilities from a chronic illness, have expressed a loss of hope and want to therefore simply “end it all”. These patients, after having their pain symptoms controlled by skilled MD management, their fears and concerns attended to by expert counseling, have had their lives transformed. They were able to face life with newfound hope, assured that they could be made comfortable with expert medical help and would be that way, even till the end of their lives with hospice support.

**If physician assisted suicide is legalized, this would lead to a subversion of that process and many will simply seek out an MD who is more than willing to give them the drugs to end their lives as requested!!**

Much is made about the “legal safeguards” that would keep this from happening. The safeguards WILL NOT and DO NOT work. There are many examples of abuse of the system in Oregon where physician assisted suicide is legal.

Most importantly, it will create a cultural climate where the vulnerable, those who are fragile with physical and mental disabilities, especially the frail elderly, will be

considered as a drain on society because of their consumption of health care costs. It will change the relationship of how physicians, including myself, view these patients. Subtly, within our conversations with our patients, there will an encouragement to forego life sustaining measures and the consideration to “give up life for the good of the whole”.

We Americans should not tolerate that – and thus physician assisted suicide should NEVER be legalized!

Sincerely yours,

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**SB1129**

Submitted on: 2/27/2017

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
De MONT R. D. CONNER	Ho'omana Pono, LLC.	Support	Yes

Comments: We continue to STRONGLY SUPPORT this bill!

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The Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017

THE SENATE

Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
State Capitol, Conference Room 016  
Tuesday, February 28, 2017; 11:30 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 1129, SD1  
RELATING TO HEALTH**

The ILWU Local 142 **supports** S.B. 1129, SD1, which establishes a Medical Aid in Dying Act That establishes a regulatory process under which an adult resident of the State with a medically confirmed terminal disease may obtain a prescription for medication to be self-administered to end the patient's life.

Simply put, this bill allows a terminally ill person to have a **CHOICE**—to die with dignity on the patient's own timetable and at the patient's own volition or to continue to live with pain another few days, weeks, months until death mercifully comes. There is very little quality of life for someone waiting for death and suffering intractable pain. Even when the patient can no longer take in food and nutrition, death is slow. In the meantime, the patient loses awareness and is no longer the person he or she once was.

S.B. 1129, SD1 provides for an abundance of safeguards. These safeguards should provide ample reassurance that the process to request the lethal medication is thoughtful, informed, and offers protections against liability for the physician and against abuse of the patient.

Although some will argue that palliative care for terminally patients with severe pain should be sufficient, the reality is that pain medication often dulls the mind and consciousness, leaving a once vibrant and alive human being to wither away into someone even loved ones may no longer recognize. If given the choice, most people would prefer to have their loved ones remember them as they lived, not as they died.

Religious arguments will be made against S.B. 1129, SD1, but the U.S. Constitution protects religious freedom and the separation of church and state. Just as lawmakers must be mindful that laws should not force individuals to abandon their religious views and beliefs, neither should laws be enacted to deny rights to someone who does not subscribe to certain religious beliefs.

S.B. 1129, SD1 does not force any patient to seek to end his or her life nor does it force any physician to prescribe lethal medication to a terminally ill patient. In truth, some patients who ask for and receive the medication may decide not to use it. Most, if not all, terminally ill patients want to live, but S.B. 1129, SD1 will allow a patient the option to decide if and when medication to end life will be taken.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 1129, SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to share our views and concerns on this important matter.



February 23, 2017

Senate's Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 016  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 – 11:30 a.m.

RE: **STRONG SUPPORT for Senate Bill 1129 SD 1 – RELATING TO HEALTH**

Aloha Chairperson Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and fellow committee members,

I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT to Senate Bill 1129 SD 1 on behalf of the LGBT Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. SB 1129 establishes a medical aid in dying act that establishes a regulatory process under which an adult resident of the State with a medically confirmed terminal disease may obtain a prescription for medication to be self-administered to end the patient's life.

The preamble to the platform of our great party states, "The abiding values of the Democratic Party are liberty...and compassion and respect for the dignity and worth of the individual. At the heart of our party lies a fundamental conviction that Americans must not only be free, but they must live in a fair society."

In recognition of the sanctity of individual rights, especially that most personal and private right to avoid prolonged suffering if terminally ill, last June our party formalized our many years of support for the issue, adding a resolution to our platform urging lawmakers to legalize medical aid in dying in the islands.

HHS 2016-02 On Death With Dignity resolves:

"That the Democratic Party of Hawai'i urge the Legislature to take all measures to affirm the right of dying patients to make informed decisions about their health care, ensure that Hawai'i residents are provided with a full range of end of life options, including a decision to advance the time of death, and provide safeguards to ensure patients are in control if they choose [medical aid in dying]."

The resolution was adopted two weeks before the enactment of California's End of Life Option Act that went into effect June 9, 2016, tripling the percentage of terminally ill Americans who have option to choose medical aid in dying from 4 to 16 percent. Subsequent to that, the voters of the state of Colorado in November 2016 passed a ballot measure authorizing medical aid in dying. Later that same month, the Washington, D.C. City Council passed a resolution to that effect.

A legal, accessible medical aid in dying option for Hawai'i is a top priority for the LGBT Caucus and the Democratic Party of Hawai'i. As we've researched the issue and talked to members, we are struck by the desperate, violent measures some terminally ill kama'aina have been forced to take, alone and in secrecy, to end their suffering. Some have resorted to shooting or hanging

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Senate Bill 1129 SD 1 – Relating to Health

themselves—one person's aunty hung herself from the garden gate—, leaving family members devastated and traumatized at their inability to help a member of their own 'ohana to pass peacefully, surrounded by loved ones.

Some palliative care doctors will say that the pain and anxiety management they provide is sufficient, and for many, it is. However some kama'aina perhaps don't wish to be subjected to what's euphemistically known as "terminal sedation," addled by ever increasing doses of morphine until they lose consciousness and eventually stop breathing.

Ironically, some doctors who are opposed to medical aid in dying say it is wrong or immoral to prescribe life-ending medication to anyone, no matter what the circumstance. Yet these same doctors somehow subscribe to the questionable "principle of double effect," which allows them to justify the administration of potentially life-ending doses of medication if their main intent is to end suffering – even if they know the medication will cause death.

How is that moral? How is that right? How is that preferable to allowing an adult who is terminally ill, with six months or less to live, and who is mentally capable of making their own health care decisions, and who is acting under their own free will with no coercion, to have the option to request, obtain and self-administer their own life-ending medication in order to die peacefully, on their own terms?

Our party is the party of personal freedom and liberty. Who are we to deny this most personal liberty to the people of Hawai'i?

Thank you, Chair and Members of the Committee, for your thoughtful consideration and of SB 1129.

Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr.  
Chair and SCC Representative  
LGBT Caucus for the DPH



## St. Francis

HEALTHCARE SYSTEM OF HAWAII  
A Legacy of Caring for Hawaii's People

Testifier's Name: Gary Simon  
Director of Corporate Affairs and Advocacy  
St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii

Testimony Is Directed To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Measure: SB1129 SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH  
Establishes a medical aid in dying act that establishes a regulatory process under which an adult resident of the State with a medically confirmed terminal disease may obtain a prescription for medication to be self-administered to end the patient's life.

Date & Time of Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 11:30 a. m.

Location: State Capitol Conference Room 016

Position: **St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii strongly opposes SB1129 SD1.**

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I am Gary Simon, Director of Corporate Affairs and Advocacy for St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii (SFHS).

I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over thirty years, including seven years as Executive Director of St. Francis Hospice. I am offering testimony on behalf of SFHS.

SFHS strongly opposes SB1129 SD1.

SFHS values life. Our philosophy and practices of hospice and palliative care are concerned chiefly with the dignity of persons throughout the trajectory of a terminal illness. When symptoms are unbearable, effective therapies are now available to relieve almost all forms of discomfort, distress, and pain during the terminal phase of an illness without purposefully hastening death.

Instead of introducing assisted suicide, as a community we should focus our efforts on improving access to high quality end-of-life care.

Hawaii has made tremendous progress in promoting the value of hospice and palliative care, but there is much more we can do to meet the comprehensive needs of patients/families facing terminal illnesses. We must continue our efforts at:

- ✚ professional education,
- ✚ public awareness,
- ✚ developing our healthcare systems,
- ✚ improving public policy to eliminate barriers to hospice and palliative care,
- ✚ promoting best practices, and
- ✚ research to increase the body of knowledge needed to improve care.

Improving access for all to high quality end-of-life care is imperative and is a strategic goal of SFHS and St. Francis Hospice.

***We strongly urge you to oppose SB1129 SD1.***

Sincerely,

*Gary Simon 02/24/2017*

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## Testimony in favor of SB1129

- With physician assistance, patients have a better chance of experiencing a painless and less traumatic death (death with dignity).
- Individuals deserve an opportunity to die with dignity, without fear that they will lose their physical or mental capacities.
- overall healthcare financial burden on the family is reduced when terminally ill patients are allowed the option to choose death over prolonged life.
- If planned for in advance, organs can be harvested and donated.
- Patients can end pain and suffering when there is no hope for relief.
- Some say assisted death with dignity is against the Hippocratic Oath, however, the statement “first do no harm” can also apply to helping a patient find the ultimate relief from pain through death.
- Medical advances have enabled life beyond what nature might have allowed, but that is not always in the best interest of the suffering patient with no hope of recovery.
- A living will, considered a guiding document for a patient's healthcare wishes, can provide clear and evidence of a patient's decisions regarding end-of-life care.

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**SB1129**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Adele Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I very much want to ability to determine my end of life choices and insure that I have a "good death".

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Please vote in favor of this legislation. It is important to our society that we show compassion and support to human beings in the final days of their lives and empower them to make their own choices about when they choose to die. Human kindness is the most powerful gift we are given. Please allow us to bestow it.



**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 1129, SD1**  
**Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**

February 28, 2017, 11:30 am

Hawai'i State Legislature

Hawai'i State Capitol, Conference Room 016

**To:** Chair Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran  
Vice-Chair Karl Rhoads  
Committee Members on Judiciary and Labor: Sen. Mike Gabbard, Sen. Donna Mercado Kim, Sen. Laura H. Thielen

**From:** Agnes Malate, MEd  
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I support the Death with Dignity Act, SB 1129, SD1, Hawaii's proposed medical aid in dying legislation, because I believe that together with their 'ohana and their doctors, individuals have the right to make the end-of-life decisions that are right for them in the final stages of a terminal illness.

I was raised as a Catholic and grew up in a predominantly close-knit community where our church was the center of our community life. My grandmothers, Apolonia and Celestina, were blessed with longevity and lived to be 110 and 97, respectively. They both lost their husbands before their youngest children were two years of age and never remarried. Like many in Hawai'i, family was very important to them. With sheer determination, hardwork, and faith in God, they raised their children and were the pillars of our extended family. In December 2009, we lost both of them within a week of each other. In the last hours of my Nana Apolonia's life, my Mamang Celestina fell as she went to use the bathroom by herself and hit her head on the floor. As we were in ER waiting for news about Mamang Celestina, we got the call to go home to where Nana Apolonia lived with my parents. We arrived just in time as she expelled her last breath. Mamang Celestina died eight days later.

Both my grandmothers remained active into their later years and were relatively healthy except for the usual chronic illnesses that accompanies aging. At 109 and 96 they would still get up and dance when I played a tune on the piano. Although the younger of the two, Mamang Celestina suffered more aches and pains due to osteoarthritis. She also was inclined to proclaim that she was dying. Nana Apolonia had a quiet strength and seldom complained. In her last years when I would assist her, she would say "be patient with me." She would then point to me and say, "you are young lady, I'm old woman." We would both laugh and for me it took the edge off the inevitable when she would no longer be with us.

Both my grandmothers were in hospice at the time of their deaths, though under very different circumstances. Nana Apolonia was in home hospice for seven months and Mamang Celestina was placed in the residential St. Francis hospice. Prior to the last year of my grandmothers' lives, hospice was misunderstood as a death sentence by many members of my family and relatives. In many ways, it was taboo to discuss it in connection with someone who had a terminal illness.

After our experience, my family has a better understanding about how the last stages of one's life can be lived. With my Nana Apolonia, we had time to enjoy our last months with her by focusing on creating and treasuring special moments rather than on how to keep her alive longer and be with us in this life. I realize in the course of the many nights I spent and cared for her when she was in the hospital that the desire to prolong her life was not just for her sake but also for me and her unborn great-grandchild. I remember clearly the early morning of October 31<sup>st</sup> when she turned and looked at me with great pain and her eyes told me "let me go" when she could no longer speak the words. I told her "hang on until your great-grandchild is born." She lived for another month and two days after I showed Nana Apolonia the picture of my nephew, Lincoln, she passed away.

She put complete faith in God to determine when her time was up but also hung on at the end for her family until we were ready to say goodbye. I could not bear to let her go even as I saw that every move was excruciating pain. Each case is unique and I support medical aid in dying as an important option for individuals, along with their `ohana, family doctor, and faith, to make the decisions that are right for them in the final stages of a terminal illness. I'm assured that there are safeguards outlined in the act to prevent abuse and continue to respect each person's life and wishes.

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Alan S. Hayashi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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I am old enough (82 and quite healthy today) to have walked through the dying process with several family members and close friends. This experience has convinced me that I want some control over how the dying process works out when it is my time.

To provide medical assistance, in a compassionate and loving way, and to allow some control over the process, is far better and human than prolonging an existence (not truly a life). Please vote for the passage of this bill.

Albert A Gulick  
Kailua-kona, Hi.

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albert gulick	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Alexandra Avery	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Legislators: This bill will not affect a large portion of our residents but it will make a big difference for the number of persons who may be unable to find comfort through current means of palliative care. Medical aid in dying is a level of assistance that should be the right of a person who is in a lucid state and has been deemed by a doctor to be terminal. For me, having watched a few friends and family members die in pain more than their dose of morphine could touch, this is a Human Right. Please pass this medical Aid in Dying bill. Mahalo, Alexandra Avery Kailua, Hawaii

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Dear legislators,

My heart aches for those who are suffering because of a terminal illness or disease.

Yet I must say No! to SB1129. And I urge you to do the same.

As Attorney General Chin stated at this past Thursday's forum, "This bill protects the physician."

Legislation is intended to protect the welfare, health, and safety of the public. And this legislation fails to do so.

On one hand, this bill intends to do good by ridding certain individuals of a painful situation. On the other hand, the way it chooses to do so does not protect the welfare, health and safety of the general public. It is an act of homicide.

Our previous legislators and people of Hawai'i have already put in place ethical and medical procedures to care for the needs of terminally ill patients.

I beg you vote NO! Do not open this door that allows medical professionals to commit homicide without consequences giving them immunity. And forces the people of this State of Hawai'i to accept this act of homicide. God will remember their blood and hold you accountable. For this reason I say NO! And urge you to vote NO!

Do not be disillusioned by Oregon's bill of which SB 1129 is fashioned.

Like Oregon, Sb 1129 does not provide accountability for abuse and malpractice. Like Oregon death certificates list the illness for cause of death not Medical aid in dying that is suicide. You will not only allow permit homicide you destroy the evidence.

This bill stands against the legacy I choose to leave my family and people of

Since you choose to look at trendy legislation then consider Netherlands. They started with physician assisted suicide and now legislate 16 year olds may legally commit suicide with medical help without parental permission and 12 year olds with parental permission.

Hawai'i ranks #1 nationwide in teen suicide and SB 1129 sends the message to our teens it's okay when it is not.

Legislation is meant to protect and give hope for the welfare health and safety of the general public. And this legislation does not.

It is trendy and I say No!

Don't open the door for Hawai'i to be like Netherlands.

We are Hawai'i, the breath and Spirit of God over the waters.

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**SB1129**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Allyn Bromley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am an eighty-eight year old and hope to be able to control my own death. If I am suffering or incapacitated, I would like to have the option to ease my suffering if it becomes truly unbearable.

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February 26, 2017

To the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:  
Committee Chair Senator Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Committee  
Members Senator Gabbard, Senator Mercado Kim, and Senator Thielan

In STRONG OPPOSITION to SB 1129 DUE TO ITS LACK TO DEFINE,  
LIMITED KNOWLEDGE ON HEALTH, ITS IMPACT ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
CULTURE

Dear Senators,

SB 1129 does not provide clarity and definition of the following words and  
phrases found in said bill. These ought to be fully defined and debated:

“Humane”

“Dignity” or “dignified”

“Care”

“Public”

“Public place”

“Assisted”

“Suicide”

“Assisted Suicide”

“Good”

“faith”

“Good faith”

“Mercy”

“Killing”

“Mercy Killing”

“Euthanasia”

“Long term care facility”

“Moral”

Regarding “counseling”: Counseling LIMITED to psychiatrist, psychologist or  
advanced practice nurse practitioner.

- Patient’s have the option to indicate “religion” on their patient information form when receiving medical treatment in a private physician’s office, medical facilities, long term care or care home setting, etc. Oftentimes, patients request for and are asked by medical, nursing, social workers and other ancillary staff for faith-based support.
- Counseling ought to include faith-based persons, clergy, pastors, ministers, rabbis, etc. representing the patient’s faith practice and philosophies.

SB 1129 determines a patient’s capability ONLY on physical and mental health.

- The bill does not approach a patient's capability HOLISTICALLY, on all systems of health to include the spiritual, but rather only in part, the physical and mental.

SB 1129 no notification of patient's decision to "next of kin" has a negative impact on public health:

- Risk of depression on "next of kin" results in his/her decrease in work production, increase in sick days, increase in medical bills. This impacts the employer, health insurance costs, and health of the "next of kin". Depression can lead to substance abuse and homelessness further affecting and endangering the health of the community.

SB1129 has a negative impact on culture:

- The message of a "disposable society" will proliferate.
- This bill will pave the way to include those other than the terminally ill, for example, the "unproductive" of society

I concur to all opposition testimonies submitted for this bill. I feel their arguments need no further clarification and ask you to please vote neg on this bill.

Mahalo for your time,

Amy Bento

Waipahu, HI

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I strongly support SB1129. There is absolutely no reason why someone should be forced to experience all of the pain and suffering from diseases for which there are no cures until death finally occurs. Anyone who has been through this process with a family member or a friend at Hospice understands what this entails.

My father suffered a severe stroke at age 91 that left him paralyzed from his throat all the way down the right side of his body. He had a health care directive to not be kept alive by artificial means, which included such things as feeding tubes. I know that my father knew what was going to occur because he pulled the IV out of his arm in the emergency room. Because of the damage to his brain from the stroke, he would not have been able to respond to therapy. Therefore, my father was sentenced to death by starvation, which resulted in a twelve-day stay at Hospice while his otherwise healthy organs finally shut down. I was with him every day as he looked at me with tears in his eyes. Although he could not speak to me, I knew he was asking me to help him end his suffering. You see, my father had been my hero all of my life. He had always been there for me no matter what, but I found myself in a horrible position of not being able to help him in his final days (almost 2 weeks). I even begged the Hospice doctor to give him an overdose of morphine to help him go, but she said she couldn't because it was against the law. As an attorney, I knew that, but in my heart, all I could think about was helping my father die with the dignity I knew he would have wanted. I ended up telling the doctor that it was a horrible law because we treat our pets better than we treat our humans. In the end, I was beside my father when he drew his last breath and I cannot express the immense relief I felt for my father at that point. My father was a WW II veteran and he deserved better than that, in my opinion.

I have read some of the testimony submitted by the religious groups and I mean no disrespect, but why would SB1129 even affect their beliefs. If you choose to suffer through every stage of a disease until death, that's your choice. This bill will not take that opportunity away from you. However, please do not take away the option of dying with dignity away from the rest of us. Please rely on your own intelligence and pass SB1129.

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Ana Giliberti-Ippel	Individual	Support	No

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Ana Schaetzle	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As an MD who made a vow to protect life I strongly oppose this bill and urge you to consider the fact that human life is sacred and should be respected as such. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew Kayes, M.D.	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This may be the most important testimony I have written in a while. I am a licensed Hawaii Physician and adamantly opposed to Hawaii allowing physicians to prescribe medication to cause someone to die. It is inhumane and Hawaii should not take part in this. Hospice care should be available and people who are critically ill should be made as comfortable as they can by whatever means necessary. Any medication for comfort, even if it hastens death is reasonable. This is called the principle of the double effect. And that is OK.

<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/double-effect/> We can already do this as physicians. However, having a physician prescribe a drug specifically for the purpose of death is against the Hippocratic Oath, is wrong, and should not be supported by our state. Sometimes right is right and wrong is wrong. This is one of those cases. Please do not give in on this one. Please do feel welcome and free to call me for any further discussion. Please call me if you wish to talk to a doctor who opposes this and why. I had a grandmother die in hospice care, and I have had patients I have known go to hospice. I can talk to you about those circumstances if it would help you better understand why I support hospice and oppose physician assisted suicide. Hawaii already has a doctor shortage. If the legislature chooses to do this, I am not sure I should be practicing here. This passes I am considering leaving the state. I have spoken to many other like minded doctors. This will surely deter doctors of good conscience from coming to our state. Please stop this. Sincerely, Andrew Kayes, M.D. Medical Director Maui Diagnostic Imaging. work 808 877 6402 cell 808 298 6740

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Angela Huntemer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members, Please support SB 1129 SD 1 We need the ability to have death with dignity for ourselves, our sick friends and family. Thank you. Angela.

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I support the **Death with Dignity Act, SB 1129, Hawaii's proposed medical aid in dying legislation.**

The time has come for Hawaii to step up and enact legislation in 2017 that offers legal options for those who are terminally ill to reduce their suffering. I watched my father die of congestive heart failure; his last week of "life" was excruciating for him and his family. I do not want this end for myself.

Compassion & Choices Hawaii has revealed research that shows that 80% of Hawaii voters believe a medical aid in dying option should be available and 94% of voters agree that the decision of a terminally ill person to request medication to bring about his or her death is a **personal** decision and not a government decision.

Our state has a proud history of diversity, tolerance and support for individual rights. The proposed medical aid in dying legislation supports the rights of terminally ill individuals in Hawai'i to have the full range of care options and to make end-of-life decisions that most align with their values for a peaceful death.

Six other states have paved the way, California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Vermont and Colorado, let's get on board.

Angela Posatiere

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Angela Richards Dona	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support a terminally ill person's right to decide to end his/her life. The arguments against the bill are not convincing and it is entirely unfair to allow a person to suffer such a poor quality of life while potentially racking up hospital bills they will never be able to pay. This bill is long overdue.

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Aloha,

Please support the right to die with dignity. My mother and uncle died of a fatal neurodegenerative disease, after suffering for many years. Their quality of life was appallingly low, with no hope for improvement. We would not allow our pets to suffer in the ways too many in our communities suffer. Please understand that under these circumstances, assisted suicide is a compassionate gift. My mother wanted to die for years and as sad as it was, I was grateful when she peacefully died from pneumonia.

I haven't had genetic testing, to determine if this disease is in my future, though I consider my options now. I want the choice and the help to make the right decisions for me. Committing suicide alone, instead of asking a loved one to help and possibly be charged with murder is unacceptable. So is moving to Oregon, to have a legal choice.

Please vote to allow the love, help and dignity to die when we're ready to. It's a gift we all deserve.

Mahalo nui,  
A. Keighley

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Sirs..I believe this is a right for a citizen to make this decision for themselves..as an ex R/N I have seen too many people forced to undergo a miserable end to life because they were thwarted in their desire for a peaceful orocess

- Ann Blyde

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Please support SB 1129.....give us a choice.

mahalo,  
Ann Egleston

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**Take care of your thoughts when you're alone and  
take care of your words when you're with people.**

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To: [Committee on Judiciary and Labor](#)

From: Anthony Lenzer, PhD

Re: [Support for SB 1129 SD 1](#)

Hearing: Tuesday, 2/28/17, 11:30 a.m.

Conference Room 016, State Capitol

Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

My name is Anthony Lenzer. I am testifying on this matter as an individual, both as a concerned citizen, and one who has studied end of life issues and taught graduate courses on this subject at UH Manoa and at the University's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Death with Dignity legislation, or physician aid in dying, has been on the Hawaii legislature's agenda twelve times since 1998. This year, five bills have been introduced on this subject. Interest in such legislation is a national phenomenon. Nearly half of all state legislatures are considering death with dignity legislation during this session.

Hawaii legislators can be encouraged by the fact that nearly 77% of Hawaii residents support such legislation, according to a Stanford University poll. Furthermore, the Hawaii Medical Association has indicated that it will not oppose such bills this session. Medical Association neutrality has been critical in every state in which such legislation has been enacted.

Senate Bill 1129 SD 1 is based upon the first such law, enacted in Oregon, which went into effect in 1997. Between 1998 and 2015, the number of people requesting lethal prescriptions under the Oregon law has varied from 24 to 218 per year. During the same time period, the number of deaths associated with the use of such prescriptions has ranged from 16 in 1998 to 132 in 2015. This is a tiny fraction of all deaths in Oregon. However, having this choice has been shown to be of great comfort and value to those terminally ill persons who select this option.

The bill now before you contains one major improvement over the Oregon law and those of other states, I.e., it allows advance practice nurse practitioners, as well as physicians, to prescribe medication under the law. This provision will greatly benefit persons living in those rural areas where there are few, if any, physicians.

Please give Hawaii citizens this choice by passing Senate bill 1129 SD 1 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

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Arianna Feinberg	Individual	Support	No

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Ashley de Coligny	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill because I believe that when it comes to our own bodies, we should have as much control as possible and the freedom to choose medical assistance if we wish. I have a family member in Holland who chose this method for her end of life, and it was such a more peaceful way to go - on her terms - rather than extended suffering. I hope someday, if I need it, I would have that freedom of choice as well. Thank you.

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AUBREY HAWK	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chairman Keith-Agaran and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee: I'm writing to express my strong support of SB1129, Hawaii's Medical Aid in Dying act. Medical Aid in Dying is a proven, safe medical practice with 19 years of careful tracking in Oregon and not a single documented case of abuse. Those who continue to voice concerns without any proof or evidence are actually voicing hypothetical concerns. These concerns stem from religious doctrine and/or (in the case of a provider who opposes aid in dying) a reluctance to give up power and authority. Medical aid in dying transfers authority from the provider side of the scale to the patient side of the scale...where it should be. If I become terminally ill with six months or less to live, I want the option to decide for myself when my own suffering becomes unbearable. Indeed, I am the only person who can decide that. Eighty percent of Hawaii voters agree. Please pass SB1129.

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Barbara Best	Individual	Support	No

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Barbara Mathews	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing to provide my strong support to SB 1129 , Medical Aid in Dying. This provides one more alternative to dying people and allows freedom of choice at the end of life. No physician nor individual has to chose this option nor support it. However, to deny it to all based on moral convictions of some is unacceptable. The bill provides strong protections to ensure that no one is victimized by this option, and allows individuals for whom it is desired and appropriate to control their own dying process. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and committee members.

I am a senior citizen and a resident of House District 19 and Senate District 9. I am a member of AARP, Kokua Council, the Hawaii Alliance of Retired Americans and the Legislative Committee of PABEA.

I'm testifying in strong support of SB1129, SD1 which would establish a medical aid in dying act. It should be the right of any competent adult, who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness, to have the full range of options available to him/her and to make end-of-life decisions, including obtaining a prescription from his/her doctor.

Whether or not such a prescription is filled, much less the medication actually taken, is not the issue. Having that option available often gives relief from worry and peace of mind.

Five states have enacted such legislation and, reportedly, there has not been a single incident of abuse or coercion.

Please support SB1129, SD1 to expand end-of-life options in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Barbara J. Service

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Ben Shafer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha mai kakou State Senate Judiciary Committee, I support this Bill because its the pono thing to do. We love our families and when they suffer, we all suffer. Respectfully submitted, Ben Shafer

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Benjamin Gamboa MD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: This bill is not about giving patients the right to take their own lives, but about giving doctors the right to kill. Please do not do this.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Bernard Lum	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of SB1129. My wife, Pamela, passed away from terminal cancer on 11/1/2016. She received the terminal diagnosis on 9/21/16. We immediately contracted for home Hospice services. During the period from 9/21/16 to 11/1/16, my wife was administered various strong pain medications, with the pain being so bad, that oral morphine needed to be given to her frequently throughout each day. The pain and side effects took a toll on my wife's quality of life. It also placed a horrific emotional burden on myself to see her suffer as I was her primary caregiver. We both wished that medical aid in dying was available to her. For those who oppose it, there is no one forcing them to choose it, However, for those facing a terminal diagnosis and a painful death, let's give them that choice. There are adequate safeguards being built into the proposed measure. Let's allow for death with dignity!

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This is the face of "Death with Dignity", this is a photo of my sister Nancy, my vibrant, healthy sister Nancy, taken just prior to her finding out she had the beginning onset of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). She was living in California at the time and wanted to come to Hawaiï, however she chose to move back to Vermont where her children had been born and primarily so that our retired sister Marnie could care for her.

After medical confirmation of ALS, Nancy knew she wanted and needed to return to Oregon, where her children lived. In 2008 she returned so that she could take advantage of the state's Right To Die law. Once there we rallied around her and rented a home near her son. Our whole family and circle of friends, along with Compassion & Choices, Hospice and the ALS society made her final months on this earth a learning lesson for all involved.

Oregon's law is thorough and complete. My sister was able to have control over the most important thing at the end of life: to say when, where and with whom she chose to leave this earth and enter Heaven above. If you or a loved one end up having medical issues that are incurable AND your



doctors agree that you have a terminal illness with less than 6 months to live, why not as an individual have the choice to select how and when we die?

After months of supportive planning and following the appropriate procedures in Oregon, we as a family were able to be with Nancy as she prepared for a peaceful death. She chose the backyard on a Sunday in April, with the sun shining and her children and family around her. She swallowed the contents of the prescribed medication and went into a sleep-like coma. Her wish was for us to dance and blow bubbles, sending her off with love. This happened from many points across the US once we knew she had crossed over.

Nancy's family and friends embraced her decision, supporting her because of the love and respect we all had for her. Nancy had led a life full of love and giving and we wondered why she was taken from us at such an early age. Her life and our story helped change the law in Vermont and we hope to get it accomplished here in Hawaii.

This is such an important right for each one of us and Oregon has set the standard for its thorough process. For some folks just knowing the law is in place is enough, others it might be having the written prescription. For some filling the prescription and having it on hand is sufficient. Others who, like my sister, know they do not want to be on a ventilator or a feeding tube are able to **CHOOSE** and have the right and freedom to die at home, on their own terms. For my sister this was vitally important. For our family it continues to be an extremely important right of choice for us, our children and our children's children. This is such an important issue. Please pass the bill. Mahalo for your time and energy moving this legislation forward.

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I am a retired RN who dealt with many grieving patients and families during my nursing career. Over my time as a bedside nurse I saw meaningful progress in dealing with patients with terminal illnesses and with their families. I saw the growth of Hospice, and experienced its involvement personally as my husband and I cared for his Father for the final six weeks of his life. There remains, however, those instances when the most personal of life's decisions needs, by definition, to be in the hands of each of us: when the very real, SUBJECTIVE PAIN one is feeling cannot be alleviated by 'modern medicine' and can (or should) it be endured day after day--or hour after hour. If you have ever observed this reality, your compassion for the human suffering at hand and thus your view of the need for a legal way to deal with this might well be influenced, as well it should. Try to walk in those shoes!

Having read this bill, it appears to have addressed all possible exegencies and cautions. I would imagine it is based on similar bills which have passed muster in other states and thus is well researched and studied. It will put Hawaii in the forefront of genuine and compassionate 'patient care' at times in people's lives when they are least able to do for themselves what modern medicine can provide at a time of unendurable pain.

Thus, I strongly urge the passing of SB1129.

Most Sincerely,

Betty L. Bodlak, RN (ret)  
Haleiwa, Hawaii

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Dear Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee-

I have been a Hospice Volunteer for approximately 16 years and in 3 different states. I have also worked for two different hospices in 2 different states. This means I have been privy to a wide array of end of life experiences.

The Hawai'i Medical Aid in Dying Act (SB 1129) is an important step towards supporting important choices for those who are in the last transition of life. To have the option to end one's painful experience in a human body can relieve the suffering and anxiety so many people go through who are dealing with painful conditions daily that lend to a very poor quality of life. As we know from studies that have already been done, just because there is the legal option to go through the process of getting the medications to end ones life, does not mean that most people in the final transition are taking that option. Studies show that to have the option relieves a lot of suffering that people can go through. We should be doing every thing in our power to assist our fellow human beings (and the time will come for all of us) to suffer as little as possible at the end. Leaving this human existence is already difficult enough. I have personally experienced being with people who have suffered because they knew that the disease process would cause them to possibly bleed out (tumor breaking through an artery) , or possibly to suffocate (Parkinsons). In many cases pain can be managed until the final breath, but not in all cases. Please support your fellow humans in having the option to die with dignity and ease. How we leave this life is just as important as how we enter it.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Bobbi Bryant

Resident of the Island of Hawaii

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Bradley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support SB 1129 Everyone In my family is supportive

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Brenda Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this measure giving me the right to choose. Thank you.

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SB 1129, SD1 – Medical Aid in Dying  
Senate Judiciary & Labor Committee  
Conference Room 016; February 28, 2017

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members:

## **IN STRONG SUPPORT**

Below is the text of Governor Jerry Brown's signing letter for California's medical aid in dying bill that took effect last year. This was not easy for him. A devout Catholic, prior to attending law school, he had spent three years in residence in a [Jesuit](#) seminary intent on becoming a Catholic priest. And as we know, the Catholic Church staunchly opposes medical aid in dying.

This was a gut-wrenching decision for Brown. He carefully read all the opposing camp's arguments, consulted with a Catholic bishop, his own doctors, and former classmates and friends, as well as with Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

What is most striking about Brown's personal and conflicted signing document is the extent to which he attempts to reconcile the best arguments against the bill—particularly the religious and theological ones—with his sense that he cannot be certain that, were he in the same situation, he would not want the right to end his own life. As he put it:

I do not know what I would do if I were dying in prolonged and excruciating pain. I am certain, however, that it would be a comfort to consider the options afforded by this bill. And I wouldn't deny that right to others.

There is much wisdom in this simple statement. I humbly ask the committee members to not deny those in extreme pain at the end of their lives the right to a peaceful death.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brian Baron  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96822





OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

OCT 5 2015

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

ABx2 15 is not an ordinary bill because it deals with life and death. The crux of the matter is whether the State of California should continue to make it a crime for a dying person to end his life, no matter how great his pain or suffering.

I have carefully read the thoughtful opposition materials presented by a number of doctors, religious leaders and those who champion disability rights. I have considered the theological and religious perspectives that any deliberate shortening of one's life is sinful.

I have also read the letters of those who support the bill, including heartfelt pleas from Brittany Maynard's family and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. In addition, I have discussed this matter with a Catholic Bishop, two of my own doctors and former classmates and friends who take varied, contradictory and nuanced positions.

In the end, I was left to reflect on what I would want in the face of my own death.

I do not know what I would do if I were dying in prolonged and excruciating pain. I am certain, however, that it would be a comfort to be able to consider the options afforded by this bill. And I wouldn't deny that right to others.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.





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Aloha Senators,

I am writing to respectfully request that you support the passage of SB1129 related to Medical Aid in Dying. I would like to reiterate the written testimony that I previously submitted to the Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health Committee:

I am a clinical psychologist in private practice and a 46 year resident of the State of Hawaii. I would like to express my support for SB1129 as both a health care professional and an individual. I believe that this legislation would help to empower terminally ill patients who are facing the possibility of intolerable pain and suffering in the dying process by providing a wider range of options and a greater degree of personal control over end of life decisions. I would not only like my patients who might be dealing with terminal illness to have this option available to them, but I would also like to have this option available to me in the event that I should ever develop a terminal illness. In that case, I really don't know whether or not I would choose to use medication prescribed as an aid in dying, but I do know that I would like to have the choice. To those who would not want to consider that option for themselves, I would say that I very much respect your choice. Please, however, allow me and my patients the opportunity to make the choice for ourselves. A vote in support of this bill is, I believe, a vote for such freedom of choice. I would respectfully ask members of the Senate to cast your votes in favor of the passage of this bill.

I would also like to respond to some of the views expressed by certain opponents of this bill. First, although palliative care is very valuable in end of life care, extreme pain and suffering cannot always be relieved by traditional palliative care methods, as some opponents of medical aid in dying would have us believe. Second, the idea that mentally competent adults will be unduly pressured into making the decision to end their lives is, I believe, a red herring. A basic principle of our legal system is that mentally competent adults are ultimately free to make choices for themselves regarding their own lives and are responsible for those choices. Again, please allow us to have that choice and responsibility over our own lives.

Mahalo for your consideration of this important issue.

Brian Goodyear, Ph.D.

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Brittany Ross	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support giving individuals facing the end of their life the opportunity to choose their journey. This bill allows the choice for a death with dignity, if one so chooses, and also safeguards loved ones and medical professionals who support those making this very difficult choice. No documented cases of abuse exist as the opposition states while they continue to mislead the public on the realities of this law.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Camila Chaudron	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, my name is Camila Chaudron. I'm a constituent from the Manoa/Makiki area, and I support this bill. I believe that everyone should have the right to choose how to lead their lives with dignity. In the U.S. constitution, the right to the pursuit of happiness is protected. Often, when people approach the end of life, their ability to lead happy, healthy lives is affected. Rather than force people to suffer, we should allow them options to end life peacefully and on their own terms. Thank you for taking my testimony into consideration. Mahalo!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Camille Adams	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please kill this bill! Please do not make Hawaii into a assisted suicide destination. It will be so extremely embarrassing for our citizens -- Hawaii will no longer be able to call itself the Aloha state because our politicians will make it the murdering state. Please do not allow this to happen. Besides saving your eternal salvation -- here are some facts to help you to destroy this evil bill: **FACTS ON ASSISTED SUICIDE**

1. Terminal prognoses are often wrong. Many individuals outlive their diagnoses by months and even years. Assisted suicide legislation is discouraging and leads people to give up on treatment and lose good years of their lives.
2. Assisted suicide is not popular. Assisted suicide legalization has failed significantly more times than it has succeeded. There have been more than 140 legalization attempts in the past 20 years, yet only 3 states have actually legalized it through legislative or voter action.
3. Opens the door to abuse of the elderly or infirm. Once a lethal prescription is written, an abusive caregiver or relative who stands to inherit from the patient can pick it up and give it to the patient in food or drink. Since no witness is required at the time of death, who would know if the patient consented?
4. Cheapens life. If assisted suicide is made legal, it quickly becomes just another form of treatment. It will always be the cheapest option, especially in a cost-conscious healthcare environment. Two Oregon residents, Barbara Wagner and Randy Stroup, were each denied coverage for their cancer treatments but received letters from the Oregon Health Plan stating the plan would cover their assisted suicides.
5. A threat to the most vulnerable. Those living with disabilities or who are in vulnerable healthcare circumstances have justifiable concerns should assisted suicide become an option. Financial pressure, peer pressure, and even pressure from uncaring family members can be placed on these individuals to take the suicide option. In fact, nothing in the Oregon or Washington style laws can protect from explicit or implicit family pressures to commit suicide, or personal fears of "being a burden." There is NO requirement that a doctor evaluate family pressures the patient may be under, nor compel the doctor to encourage a patient to even notify their family.
6. Bad data puts patients at risk. Oregon's data on assisted suicide is flawed, incomplete, and tells us very little. The state does not investigate cases of abuse, and has admitted, "We cannot determine whether physician assisted suicide is being practiced outside the framework of the Death with Dignity Act." The state has also acknowledged destroying the underlying data after each annual report.
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“Safeguards” don’t work. Experience in Washington and Oregon has shown that the mental health and other safeguards are easily circumvented. Patients seeking a lethal prescription are not required to receive it from their attending physician and, thus, can “doctor-shop” to find someone who will. This is especially troubling for the families of patients diagnosed with depression. 8. Can turn treatable depression deadly. Most cases of depression among the terminally ill can be successfully treated. Yet, lethal prescription requests from terminally ill individuals are often based on fear and depression. Primary care physicians are not generally expert in diagnosing or treating depression, and nothing in the Oregon or Washington assisted suicide laws compels doctors to refer patients for evaluation by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist to screen for depression or mental illness. 9. An often painful death. Barbiturates are the most common substances used for assisted suicide in Oregon and Washington, but barbiturates do not assure a peaceful death. Overdoses of barbiturates are known to cause distress and have associated issues like: extreme gasping and muscle spasms; vomiting and inhaling vomit while losing consciousness; panic and feelings of terror and assaultive behavior from the drug-induced confusion; failure of the drugs to induce unconsciousness; a number of days elapsing before death occurs; and sometimes death does not occur. 10. A slippery slope. Countries such as the Netherlands, where assisted suicide has been legal for decades, show that assisted suicide cannot be contained or limited to the terminally ill. (See Dr. Herbert Hendon commentary, click here: <http://www.psychiatrytimes.com/articles/commentary-case-against-physician-assisted-suicide-right-end-life-care>) For more information visit [www.HPACC.org](http://www.HPACC.org) 1. Dr. Katrina Hedberg, 9 December 2004, House of Lords, Select Committee on the Assisted Dying for the Terminally Ill Bill, Assisted Dying for the Terminally Ill Bill [HL], Volume II: Evidence, (London: The Stationery Office Ltd., 2005), 262.)

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Carol Tamulonis	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: All of the "safeguards" in the bill cease the moment the prescription is received. The bill contains ten references to "voluntarily," "voluntariness," "voluntary," but all of those references are to actions before the prescription is filled. Nothing in the bill states that the drugs, once prescribed, must be knowingly or voluntarily taken. A person could be tricked, or even forced, into taking the drugs and no one would ever know. Why are there no safeguards at the most important part of the process – at the time the patient takes the drugs that cause death? Please do not pass this bill

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**Carolyn Golojuch, MSW**  
Kapolei, HI 96707

DATE: February 23, 2017

RE: SB1129 Relating to Health: Terminally Ill Adults' Choices STRONG SUPPORT

TO: Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health Committee Hearing

Aloha Senators Baker, Nishihara and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to STRONGLY SUPPORT SB 1129 relating to Terminally Ill Adult Choices at End of Life.

I ask that you listen to 80% of the voters who want the choice for their end of unbearable pain. Please don't let churches put their fear on you. Religion is a choice, not their choice but each persons choice.

Basis of my statement:

- 1) They try to force their objections to women's health issues when they do not offer nor give any relief for the financial or personal cost of additional children in their lives. Not all women are members of the RC church and as such should not be forced to conduct their lives in compliance with the rules of the church. The church shows no compassion for the wishes of the women who will face a lifetime of responsibility for each life she brings into this world. Ex: St. Francis Catholic Hospital closed their maternity departments prior to 1982. Sr. Francine said the insurance was too costly. This indifference is pure Control of body and mind with no sensitivity to the needs of our women by the roman catholic church.
- 2) They spend untold multi-millions of church funds to silence the Survivors of Clergy Sexual Crimes and then work to continue the Statutes of Limitations that precludes the Survivors their day in court. They run into trouble when not all the children and women are members of their church. Locally at least one insurance company refused to pay for the criminal sex crimes of priests and other levels of church members because the church knowingly played the shell game with pedophiles and other predators which endangered the lives of untold children and women. One of the side effects is their refusal to remove the Criminal Sex Offenders from their rosters of active duty priests, so the priests continue to Sexually Molest children and women. Again, it's total control for the roman catholic church.
- 3) For decades, the roman catholic church obstructed the passage of sane, safe choices for end of life decisions so that they can again force their religious beliefs on non catholic persons as well as church members. This force of power is neither compassionate or humane.

After researching the St. Francis Hospice website, it is apparent and my opinion that the roman catholic is more interested in the profits from their Hospice operations than the compassionate care of the patients. By forcing their control over all the citizens of Hawaii, they will keep their beds occupied and the funds flowing into their coffers. And they remain in control at all costs.

Hawaii is a Blue State and respects the Separation of State and Church. To deny this bill, we will be in lock step with not only the roman catholic church but the GOP as well. Please pass SB1129 as it is in the best interest of the people to have a choice over their bodies and their choices.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Carolyn Martinez Golojuch, MSW



Testimony **SUPPORTING SB 1129 SD1**  
on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 11:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 016  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Senators Keith-Agaran, Rhoads and Committee Members,

**I support SB 1129 SD1** for the following reasons:

I am a 70 year-old, single woman, who is the primary caregiver for my 98 year-old mother, who is very frail and requires 24-hour care and supervision.

I do not want to be a burden to my family and society when I am demented, incontinent and less than a pet. I do not want to spend my last days suffering in pain and confusion, and being unable to eat, control my bowels/bladder and without any quality of life. I do not want my family and caregivers to suffer the stress of waiting for someone who is actively dying, to die. I do not want precious healthcare resources squandered on keeping my body alive , when there is no hope of recovery and contributing to a long, agonizing death. These resources would be better spent on cures and treatments that prolong life, rather than prolong dying.

I do want the right to end my life on my own terms with dignity, safety and without leaving a mess for others to have to clean up. SB 1129 SD 1 gives me the CHOICE to make a graceful final exit. Testimony from Compassion and Choices and The Hawai'i Death with Dignity Society have articulated the reasons to support this legislation in other testimony. I fully endorse their testimonies.

While I respect the positions of the opponents of this bill, I do NOT RESPECT their wishes to impose their beliefs on my freedom to make CHOICES about MY LIFE! I feel the same way about women's choices to terminate pregnancies, and anti-abortion advocates are trying to take away these choices, as well! Opponents of choice are NOT the ones who will be on the front lines proving the care and support to families whose loved ones are dying, unless they have a personal connection. It is easy for them to stake out a moral high ground, without respecting the wishes of others who do not share their beliefs.

Thank you, in advance, for voting to pass this bill, and for your continued support

Sincerely,

Carrie Mukaida

**I am writing to support the Medical Aid in Dying Act, SB 1129 SD1.**

**· Medical aid in dying is a safe and trusted medical practice for which a terminally ill, mentally capable person who has a prognosis of six months or less to live, has the option to request from his/her doctor a prescription for medication which he or she can choose to self-administer through ingestion to peacefully shorten an unbearable dying process.**

**· Our state has a proud history of diversity, tolerance and support for individual rights. The proposed medical aid in dying legislation supports the rights of terminally ill individuals in Hawai'i to have the full range of care options and to make end-of-life decisions that most align with their values for a peaceful death.**

**· The legislation, written by and for the people of Hawai'i, builds upon the lessons learned in Oregon, where 19 years of safe and compassionate practice allows policymakers in other states to learn about the law's implementation and the benefits it provides for those who wish to access it. SB 1129 SD1 affirms the right of mentally capable, terminally ill adults to determine their own medical treatment options as they near the end of life.**

**· Hawai'i residents took a national lead by formally advocating for a medical aid in dying option beginning in the mid-nineties. Since then the law has been successfully implemented in California, Vermont, Montana, Washington State and Oregon and it is in the process of being implemented in Colorado. We have a cumulative 30 years of experience successfully implementing the legislation without a single incidence of abuse or coercion.**

**· The people of Hawai'i should have the option, together with their 'ohana and their doctors, to make the end-of-life decisions that are right for them in the final stages of a terminal illness -- including the option to request a prescription from their doctor to end their dying process painlessly and peacefully. SB 1129 SD1 would give those who are dying this important option.**

**· There's a difference between extending life and just prolonging the dying process of a person who is suffering in the end stages of a terminal disease. In the states where medical aid in dying is authorized, people report significant relief from worry about future pain just from knowing the option is there if they need it.**

**· Please make it possible to expand end-of-life options in Hawai'i. Kama'aina overwhelmingly support making medical aid in dying available for those with a terminal illness who are suffering at the end of life.**

**Katharine Morgan**

**453 A Hoala Drive**

**Kihei, HI, 96753**

**808-868-3449**

**Catherine Mc Donald**

**I am here to support the Death with Dignity Act, SB 1129, Hawaii's proposed medical aid in dying legislation.**

**Currently in Hawai'i, terminally ill individuals have limited options if their suffering becomes unbearable at the end of life. Options include: declining treatment or avoiding unwanted medical treatment, hospice and palliative care, or VSED (voluntarily stopping eating and drinking). However, physicians do not always offer these options to their patients and, more importantly, these options may not result in a peaceful death. Many Hawaii residents do not qualify for some these options.**

**Please make it possible to expand end-of-life options in Hawai'i**

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Testimony in strong support of SB 1129 SD1  
RELATING TO HEALTH  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
February 28, 2017, 11:30 a.m., State Capitol, Conference Room 016

To: Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agarab, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Charlene Cuaresma, Private Citizen

Subject: Establishes a medical aid in dying act that establishes a regulatory process under which an adult resident of the State with a medically confirmed terminal disease may obtain a prescription for medication to be self-administered to end the patient's life. (SD1)

My name is Charlene Cuaresma. I am testifying as a private citizen. I am a registered voter in District 50, Kailua. My training is in public health education. I have worked for nearly forty years to prevent disease through education, research, advocacy and service. I served as medical affairs director for the American Cancer Society, overseeing programs for the early detection of cancer, as well as the children's cancer camps, and cancer patient services. I worked on a team of diabetes educators at Queens Medical Center for over a decade. I also had the privilege to serve as a volunteer for organ donor education in the Filipino community.

I strongly support this bill as a result of being with people in my family and in the community through their end of life stage and death. I not only witnessed loved ones' pain and suffering from terminal disease and more, but also the breakthrough pain and suffering, even with the pain medication of palliative care. The panic and anguish I witnessed in the dying patient as loved ones watched helplessly is enough to support this bill. Even pets get more consideration at these critical moments in the death process, when pain is unbearable.

In the spirit of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, this bill is ultimately about a reasonable person's right to choose, and the agency over one's body, consistent with the provisions of this bill. I value the precept of separation of church and state. Regardless of what may influence a person's choice on how to deal with their end of life circumstances, this one more option of medical aid in dying should be added to a continuum of palliative care services offered to people consistent with the guidelines and safeguards of this very thoughtful and much needed legislation for those, like Mr. John Radcliff, who are faced with a terminal illness now, and others, including myself, in the future.

Thank you for hearing this bill and for the opportunity to submit testimony to encourage this bill's passage.

Sincerely,

Charlene Cuaresma

February 24, 2017

To: Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran (Chair), Senator Karl Rhoads (Vice Chair) and the Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee

From: Cheryl Toyofuku

Re: Opposition to SB 1129: Relating to Health, Death with Dignity

Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 11:30 a.m., State Capitol, Room 016

My name is Cheryl Toyofuku and I am a daughter, mother, grandmother, registered nurse, former Oncology Certified Nurse, health & life advocate. I am in opposition to SB 1129, which is a legislative, governmental effort to make suicide a legal, medical and healthcare treatment option. Endorsing and legalizing doctor assisted suicide is not patient medical care and is a serious, public health policy concern.

Many years ago, while on the oncology team at a major Honolulu medical center, my role as an oncology nurse was to provide skillful and compassionate patient care, while promoting and assisting in the recovery and healing process. This often included care for the terminally or chronically ill. Our inter-disciplinary team of physicians, nurses, social workers, dieticians, chaplains, physical/occupational therapists and family members collaborated together to support patients physically, emotionally and spiritually in their last days. The goal for patient care and dignity was accomplished through adequate pain & symptom control, palliative care, excellent end-of-life support, diligent identification and treatment of depression, isolation or other socio-emotional issues. Some terminally ill patients recovered, got well and lived productively for many more years.

In some situations, a request to limit life-prolonging treatment was honored, but there was never the suggestion to intentionally cause death. The thought of assisting in a suicide process would have destroyed the trust relationships that were developed between the patient, family, doctor and health team. Assisting in suicide to end the life of a patient would not be considered as a solution to a physical, mental-emotional, social or spiritual challenge that may surface in their health care. Instead, compassionate and palliative alternatives were provided through hospice and other health disciplines to address the multitude of needs for the patient and family.

Dignity is not found in taking away hope and life. It is not found in a handful of lethal pills. This bill is clearly about giving the doctors the dangerous right to assist in the process of suicide. This "right" threatens to destroy the delicate trust relationship between the doctor and patient, along with others on the health care team. It is a reason why major medical, nursing and other health professional associations adamantly oppose it. This coalition caring for Hawaii's elderly, disabled and dying citizens are against assisted suicide and include the American Medical Association, American Nurses Association, American Psychiatric Association, Disabled Rights Education & Defense Fund and The Not Dead Yet Disability Rights Organization.

Doctor assisted suicide will compound the discrimination experienced by vulnerable people with disabilities, the chronically or terminally ill, or those who are socially marginalized. Although suicide requests are "made voluntarily", subtle pressure and coercion may play a part to cause the elderly or disabled to feel guilty about healthcare costs or "being a burden". This suicide or "end of life" option may create a "duty to die" as a cheaper substitute to expensive life saving treatment and/or escalating health-care costs. In Oregon and California, patients were denied payment for treatment by government entities and insurance companies, but they were offered coverage of lethal drugs.

Please do NOT pass SB 1129 out of your Committee. Hawaii deserves better than the mixed messages that suicide is okay.



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**SB1129**

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Chris Mentzel	Individual	Support	No

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Chair Keith- Agaran & VC Rhoads and Committee Members :

We should support passage of SB1129 to allow choice to die peacefully without pain from a disease that cannot be cured. With this choice a dying person can die with dignity and choose when to die and to be surrounded by friends and family members to celebrate the passing in full consciousness and not have a painful

"forced to live" in an inhumane length of time drugged by painkillers and unable to clearly decide one's fate.

It is a practical and compassionate way to die with one's senses un- numbed.

We should provide a last choice to anyone suffering such a hopeless situation to squarely die and meet his Maker at the other side of the pearly gates.

I can't think of all the good intention and well meaning of those opposed based on the Hippocrates Oath - its a good oath but faced with the fiscal as well as painful suffering at the end stage of cancer, a dignified peaceful painless death by medical aid is the only

humane & compassionate way a willing doctor can do to assist his patient.

It is not suicide, it is not murder - its allowing a human being to choose " no more pain, no more suffering & please release me into the next realm where I know I can be whole again in God's house."

I pray Senator Chair Keith- Agaran and Sen VC Rhoads and your illustrious Judicial & Labor Committee to please pass this very needed SB 1129 and let it stand proudly a law of freedom from incurable cancer and pain and allow this last option choice to die painlessly in peace.

Thank you,  
I would like to testify in person.

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Testimony in Opposition  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2017

Dear Senators: Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

Re: SB 1129

Aloha,

I am a registered nurse with 36 years of experience at a major Oahu health care organization. I am respectfully submitting testimony in **OPPOSITION** to the above assisted suicide/death with dignity bill. While I understand the intent, the bill does **NOT** address specific criteria and safeguards to prevent premature death, and ensure proper execution and long term impact.

Reasons:

- **Medicine is a science/practice and not perfect.** Humans cannot accurately predict terminal conditions and timelines in 100% of patients. The "miracle" recovery, longer than predicted life expectancy, and increased purpose and productivity of patients in this stage of life is fairly common – e.g. John Radcliffe, Charlie Wedemeyer.
- **National best practices for clinician education and implementation have not yet been established.** Research and long term experience are minimal at best. Are we willing to open the doors to have the eventual "amended" laws, such as in the Netherlands, enacted and cause the death of our loved ones?
- **Safeguards are not outlined and the same issues we have with opioid abuse that has high financial and life costs could easily happen.** E.g. inadvertent child or non-patient use or elder abuse by stressed caregivers.
- **Unconscious bias already causes multiple health disparities.** This bill could easily lead to the premature death of the poor, indigent, and our kupuna (elderly). The higher than national average number of Hawai'i kupuna makes this population especially vulnerable.
- **Multiple physical and psychological health conditions can cause despair.** Each stage of grief and death holds unique characteristics, challenges, and beauty. These are often temporary with therapy/intervention but can lead to the request of these medications. As a nurse, I have seen and helped multiple patients and families to cope and forge bonds of peace, love, and create plans for positive life memories that would not have been possible with an early death. Conversely, it would be easy for a nurse and other clinicians with unconscious bias to influence the premature death of a patient.
- **The nursing scope of practice re: assessment and management do not address this.** Was this group queried on feasibility to successfully implement this?
- **Proper medical care already includes standards and requirements to provide patient-centered, end-of-life care that includes the provision of medications to alleviate pain and suffering.** Can we improve upon these requirements vs. adding new ones to an already burdened health care system?

If we cannot address all of these issues, we prematurely open a Pandora's Box that will likely require amendments, create lawsuits, and worse of all, the knowledge that premature deaths may be on our hands. Thank you for your kind consideration. Please vote NO to this version.

  
Cindy Ajimine, RN

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This is in support of the right to die bill before the Legislature.

Kindly note:

the Oliva family, four generations in Hawaii, support this bill and the right it gives to terminally ill and suffering people to choose a peaceful and respectful end to life. In our family right now, our 101 year old father has for years asked God to please take him, he is so tired and infirm and rudderless. He has enjoyed a very good life, but his "existence" now is untenable to him. He wants to go, he knows he wants to go and he would welcome a peaceful end to a long life.

He is just one person....we know so many, and we have experienced the helplessness of seeing people suffer, and suffer greatly, with incurable and painful conditions.

There are many people who long for a peaceful and LEGAL way to end life. It is heartbreaking to read stories of people who linger and linger in and out of consciousness who have no real hope of improvement. There must be options beyond the status quo of keeping people alive for the purpose of keeping them alive. Who wants this for loved ones, or, for themselves.

We encourage the Legislature to vote to allow people a choice!

the Oliva Ohana  
Constance Oliva  
Kailua, Hi

Honorable Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and esteemed Judiciary and Labor Committee Members:

As a palliative medicine specialist, I appreciate the time you have allowed for discussion of this important public health issue. Physician-assisted suicide is a contentious and highly polarizing issue. I recognize there are people of great integrity, compassion, and intelligence that hold contrary opinions. It is certainly easy to understand why polls of the general public find people generally sympathetic to what, on the surface, seems a simple question of personal choice and individual liberty. However, I would like to respectfully share why, after many years of thought and study on the subject, and a medical career that focuses on the care of people living with serious, often terminal illness, I have come to a different conclusion.

Time precludes a full discussion here but, with our shared goal of balancing the needs of the few with the public's health and safety, I humbly ask the committee to address the following safety concerns in any legislation you consider:

1. Proponents of assisted suicide raise the lack of documentation of any abuse under Oregon's Death With Dignity Act as a reassurance. With national estimates of elder abuse at 10%, the lack of documentation of a single case of abuse is far from reassuring: it strongly suggests the lack of an effective system to monitor and prevent abuse.
2. Studies show a strong association between the desire for hastened death and depression. Therapy has been shown to be effective in reducing the desire for hastened death among those with terminal illness. Yet, very few of those requesting assisted suicide in Oregon are even referred for a mental health evaluation, less than 4% in the most recent report. Elsewhere in medicine, when a depressed patient expresses a desire to die, we use all of our resources to prevent it. Why should the seriously ill be provided a lower standard of care?
3. The slippery slope is not an irrational fear: it is inevitable. Canada and some European countries already permit assisted suicide as well as active euthanasia and do not require that one be terminally ill to qualify. For a truly chilling experience, visit the government website for the Netherlands to see that a 12-year-old may petition for euthanasia for unbearable suffering, absent any terminal illness.
4. Understandably, many people take comfort from having lethal medication available and never ingest it but, instead, die naturally. In Oregon, 1,545 lethal prescriptions have been written resulting in 991 (64%) deaths by ingestion. What happens to the other 36% of lethal medication? We have a national suicide epidemic, with suicide now a leading cause of death among youth. None of the other states with assisted suicide laws adequately secure unused medication. When access to lethal medication is increased at the same time that society

sends a clear message that ending one's life in the face of suffering is sanctioned as a rational and personal choice, how can we not expect suicide to continue to rise?

5. These laws give immunity to prescribe lethal medications to all licensed physicians. Yet, few doctors have the added training and skills to attend to the many forms of suffering experienced by those living with terminal illness. I hold my medical colleagues in the highest regard. My dermatologist, orthopedic surgeon and ophthalmologist all provide me with exceptional care within their scope of specialization. Yet, I would not expect them to have the skills to assess or treat suffering in a terminally ill patient. These laws do not distinguish among doctors: all are authorized to prescribe lethal medication. Skills in attending to suffering are not required, just a prescription pad.

Knowing what I know about the amazing, yet flawed, profit-driven US health system, I cannot believe this will be the single decision in healthcare where personal values and autonomy trump all the other factors that guide every aspect of US health care. Despite what we all might wish for, for every other medical decision, personal means, geography, access, and demographics are far more decisive factors. From having a home birth to where and how we die, these are the factors that drive US health care delivery and it is naïve to believe that assisted suicide will be the sole exception to this rule. Those that would entrust the medical industrial complex with the power to take life, cannot possibly appreciate its drivers.

Hawaii has some of the most progressive gun control laws in the nation and, as a result, gun violence in our islands is thankfully rare. Just as the constitutionally protected right to bear arms is not unlimited, so we must recognize that the individual rights of those who want this option should not trump the public safety and our desire for a compassionate and caring society.

Suffering is an inherent part of the human condition: it is not something restricted to the last six months of life. Doctors, especially those that practice palliative medicine, know that suffering can be extreme in non-terminal situations or essentially absent at the end of life. There is simply no correlation between prognosis and suffering. This is why we worry about the slippery slope. Canada and the Netherlands already do not require a terminal diagnosis for assisted suicide or even euthanasia, only “unbearable suffering.”

Physician-assisted suicide devalues the existence of all of those with limited time to live by sending the message that as a society we believe that their time left is so insignificant in comparison to their suffering that we condone ending their life. What message does this send to the terminally ill and elderly if we measure the inherent value of a life by its remaining length? Dame Cecily Saunders, the founder of the modern



hospice and palliative care movement, has instilled in us the message to our patients, "You matter because you are you. And you will matter right up to your last breath."

Again, I thank the committee for its time and thoughtful consideration on this important issue. Only a small number of people would likely use assisted suicide should it become available in Hawaii, about 40 people per year if we extrapolate the Oregon experience to Hawaii. I know the committee joins me in wishing for the most compassionate and highest quality care for all of the approximately 11,000 people that will die in Hawaii this year. There is no law against suicide in any state and, sadly, despite our best efforts, five times as many people will commit suicide in Hawaii next year without physician assistance than would use this law. As much as we can all deeply respect and empathize with the desire for self-determination, giving immunity to physicians for a right the 40 already have, does not make sense if it exposes the 11,000 to these risks.

Respectfully,

Daniel Fischberg, MD, PhD, FAAHPM  
Kailua, HI

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Please Support SB 1129, as our final days should still be within our control as much as possible. Prolonged suffering benefits no one, except those making money off the suffering.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Dara Thomas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This Bill needs to be passed. It is the moral and just thing to do. My father has been progressing with Alzheimer's for over ten years. As you know, there is no cure. No getting better. No remission. At this point he is like a dead body that is still breathing. Imagine not being able to even move a muscle. His mind is gone. He has been bed ridden and in diapers for years. He cannot eat by himself. He can barely swallow anymore. When he can no longer swallow, he will starve to death. Is that humane? Forcing a good citizen of this country to starve to death? As an alternative, when he was still mentally competent, he could have chosen a day to pass on, of his own accord. Medaling in one's right to die is just wrong. It is an unalienable right to die, if given a sound mind, one makes a heartfelt and logical decision to end one's life at an appropriate juncture instead of essentially dying a little more every day for ten years. I beg you to pass this Bill. It should be law in every State and indeed in every country. The time to do the right thing is now.

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**TO:**

Chair Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Judiciary and Labor Committee  
Vice-Chair Senator Karl Rhoads, Judiciary and Labor Committee

**FROM:** David Willweber. Masters in Family Life Ministry

Husband. Father.

Community member on the School Community Council at Kainalu El

Pastor of Mauka Makai Ministries—Windward

Vice President of P.E.A.C.E. HI

**RE:** Testimony in **opposition to SB1129**

The measure states, “The purpose of this Act is to enact a death with dignity act.”

As I have listened to our kupuna over the years, they are troubled by at least two recurring thoughts, “I feel useless” and “I don’t want to be a burden on anyone.” At the same time, I have seen them “light up” when I visit or when ohana visits to express love, care, and value to the kupuna.

One significant danger in legalizing a “death with dignity” bill is that it negatively reinforces the above thoughts and feelings they are wrestling with. Legislation will make it easier for them to cave in to the “I’m useless” and “I’m a burden” mindset and give them an option to end it all, when what many are really desiring is relationship and love, particularly from ohana, even in the midst of difficult pain and suffering. Just by having a legal option to end it all, will bring pressure to them to make a choice that they would not have considered had it remained illegal. This kind of “pressure” and reinforcing of negative thinking does not sound like dignity at all to me. Nor is it compassionate. Their’s would be an undignified death, the opposite of what is intended in the bill.

What our kupuna need and deserve is honor, respect, and aloha. I have seen beautiful things on deathbeds and with living in the last 6 months before death. I have seen ohana members who had been estranged from one another for years due to offense apologize and make peace with one another. I have seen children and grandchildren choose to sacrifice sleep and other important tasks just to simply be with their parent/grandparent and express love. THIS is true dignity while dying. This is honor to our kupuna. This builds a legacy of honor, love, life, and ohana. This strengthens everyone’s character. This builds lasting healthy and strong generations of value and significance. This is the way of aloha. This is the way of Hawai’i.

Ua mau ke ea o ka aina I ka pono.

The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness.

Mahalo for your time and working together for the best welfare of our kupuna, ohanas, generations, & life of the Islands and life on the Islands!

Aloha,

Dave Willweber

Kailua, Hawai'i

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I support Senate Bill 1129 SD 1. People of sound mind with known terminal conditions should have an option to avoid certain, pointless suffering, This decision is a matter between a patient, their doctor, and their family. Check in to how doctors themselves die; in fact they don't put themselves through the suffering. People who are not doctors should have the same options that doctors give themselves. Please support Senate Bill 1129 SD 1.

David Atkin

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David Gustafson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Bill SB1129 as written.

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David Monk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I urge the passage of this bill to preserve patient autonomy and offer terminally ill patients a choice to die with dignity and without needless suffering. Some opponents of this measure resort to inaccurate characterization of its nature and provisions, or seek to impose a state-sanctioned religious standard on a personal decision. The safeguards in the bill provide strong protection against abuse.

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Dear Senators:

Please don't let misleading testimony lead you to disapprove of this urgently needed law (SB1129, Medical Aid in Dying Act). I have heard testimony that hospice and palliative care have advanced to the point that medical aid in dying is no longer needed. It's not true.

My wife, a Stage III lung cancer patient, has volunteered at North Hawaii Hospice — a wonderful and much-needed resource, to which we regularly contribute — and witnessed great suffering that could and should have been avoided. My wife is fiercely determined to avoid such a fate.

I'm particularly revolted by testimony that patients electing medical aid in dying are likely to require the same lethal injection drugs that have led to the horrific suffering of prisoners undergoing capital punishment on the Mainland.

The reverse is true — the drugs used in medical aid in dying would certainly be used in lethal injection — if officials in charge honestly wished their subjects not to suffer.

Please revisit the letter from four previous governors, and the history of Oregon's experience. The time has come for medical aid in dying. It's the right thing to do.

Aloha,

David Polhemus

Waimea, Hawaii

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Dear Senators,

Please vote to advance SB 1129 to a full floor vote.

After burying many of my friends, and providing hospice care to others, I was diagnosed with HIV/AIDS myself. When the time comes for me to die, I do not wish to endure unnecessary suffering. There is nothing wrong with my self preservation instinct. But I know that I will be too weak to end my own suffering. I will need medical assistance. I don't want to put my health care team in any legal jeopardy, so I encourage you to vote the Hawai'i Medical Aid in Dying Act out of committee.

Mahalo

-David A Smoot  
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Submitted by  
**David Stevens, MD, MA (Ethics)**  
Statement to the Hawaii Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
In **OPPOSITION** to **SB 1129, SD1** – “medical aid in dying”  
February 2017

My name is Dr. David Stevens; I am the President of the American Academy of Medical Ethics, a licensed physician and I hold a degree in bioethics. The American Academy of Medical Ethics has members across the islands of Hawaii.

I am passionate about decreasing suffering. I practiced in a bush hospital for 11 years in Africa. I led a relief team in Mogadishu, Somalia for 10 months during the time of “Black Hawk Down.” I was in Sudan for 11 months during a civil war and famine while we wiped out an epidemic of relapsing fever that had a 40 percent mortality rate. I led a relief team in Rwanda during the genocide. I’ve seen more suffering than I ever wanted to see. Frankly, I’ve stood at patients’ bedsides and prayed that God would go ahead and take them.

But allowing doctors to give lethal prescriptions to their terminally ill patients is just too dangerous.

It is dangerous for physicians. It wrongly assumes physicians are always ideal moral agents. They are not. I know doctors I would refer my loved ones to, but I also know doctors I wouldn’t let treat my dog. Physicians are under increasing stress, workloads and costs pressures. It takes no great skill and very little time to write a lethal prescription, but it takes consummate skill and lots of effort to provide good end-of-life care. Allowing lethal prescriptions also gives the physician too much power. They would be judge, jury and assistant executioner in end-of-life cases. We don’t allow a single judge that amount of power, even in the trials of mass murderers. The power is not in the patient’s hands, despite signing a form and giving oral consent. In just how I describe a disease and its prognosis, I could convince someone that taking a lethal prescription was a good idea without ever saying the words “physician-assisted suicide.” Remember, suicide is not illegal in Tennessee and can be accomplished painlessly by running a car parked in your garage. This is not about giving patients the so-called “right to die” but giving physicians the right to kill.

It is dangerous for families. Could you imagine visiting your parent in a nursing home and finding their bed empty? When you ask, you find that their physician gave them a lethal prescription and they took it without saying anything to you. I know how I would feel: Guilty—didn’t I visit them often enough? Angry—how could their doctor do this without bringing me into the discussion? And I would feel profound sadness. The proposed law does not require family notification.

Allowing this will also cause enormous dissension in families, as had been documented in Europe. It also opens the door to worsening elder abuse. One elderly woman stated, “...when I started losing my hearing about three years ago, it irritated my daughter...She began to question me about my financial matters and apparently feels I won’t leave much of an estate for her... She became very rude...Then suddenly, one evening, my daughter said she thought it was okay for old people to commit suicide...So here I sit, day after day, knowing what I’m expected to do.”

It is dangerous for patients. The so-called “right to die” will become the duty to die. When my 87-year-old mother had problems living alone a few years ago, I encouraged her to move into our basement apartment. Like many elderly, she said to me, “Son, I don’t want to be a burden.” Many elderly will feel a duty to not be a financial burden, a time burden or even an inconvenience.

Did you know some bioethicists are already teaching there is a duty to die in our state? Dr. John Hardwig is a Professor Emeritus at UT. When he taught ethics at East Tennessee State University, some of the medical students gave me his handout in which he advocated that people have a duty to die so to not be a burden to the next generation. I went to one of his lectures and asked when that duty kicked in. Without hesitation, he said at age 75, whether you were sick or not.

Depression is the reason 95 percent of the elderly take their lives. Studies show that doctors recognize the signs of depression poorly, especially in the terminally ill, even though they respond well to anti-depressant drugs. Yet, the so-called, “safeguards” proposed in this amendment don’t require a consultation by a psychologist or psychiatrist. In 2014, only 2 percent of the 155 patients in Oregon who killed themselves were referred for evaluation.

It is dangerous for patients because mental or physical suffering precludes rational decision-making. The medical definition for “suicidal” is “impaired cognition and distorted judgment” (incapable of thinking straight or making good decisions), but proponents claim there is such a thing as a “rational suicide.” That’s an oxymoron, like drinking a glass of “dry water.” If we deal with the physical and mental suffering, the suicidal ideation almost always resolves itself. We don’t have to kill the patient to kill the suffering.

The cheapest form of treatment for a terminally ill patient is a handful of lethal pills costing less than \$100. That is dangerous in a healthcare system with enormous financial challenges. Half of your lifetime costs of healthcare happen in the last year or so of your life. We could handle the cost challenges of our aging baby boomers just by idealizing suicide at the end of life.

Oregon’s Medicaid program will not pay for any treatment that doesn’t promise a five-year, 5 percent survival rate. When a woman petitioned for access to a drug that could prolong her life for two or three years, the state program responded that they wouldn’t pay for it, but they would cover the cost of her suicide if she wanted to take that step.

Allowing doctors to give lethal prescriptions is dangerous for society. If suffering is the criteria, there is no logical place to draw the line. If the terminal patient can’t swallow, don’t they have a “right” for a doctor to give them a lethal injection? If we are going to allow it for a patient who will suffer for six months, how can we deny it for a chronically ill patient who will suffer more than six years? How can you deny this “right” to severely disabled newborns who will suffer for a lifetime? How could you say psychiatric suffering is any less than physical suffering? In fact, you couldn’t deny this “aid in dying” to someone who had no disease at all. In Europe and now Canada, all these people are included and they are working on a protocol to euthanize people on the operating table by harvesting their organs so at least “something good will come out of this.”

It is dangerous for society because the so-called “safeguards” don’t work. Predicting that patients only

have six months to live is impossible. A study in the journal *Cancer* revealed that two out of five patients with cancer lived longer than the six months predicted by their doctors. A study looking at The Netherlands revealed a second opinion was useless because doctors often work together as “consulting pairs” and rubber stamp each other’s assessments. The laws in Oregon, Washington and Vermont make the doctor almost immune to malpractice charges. They can miss the diagnosis or botch the suicide, but they only have to meet the lowest legal standard of “good intent.” In other words, “I didn’t mean for that to happen.” We don’t allow that flimsy standard anywhere else in healthcare.

There is shroud of secrecy around legalized physician-assisted suicide. There is no protocol or funding to investigate and identify abuses. Reporting is voluntary and any reports submitted are destroyed. Only a statistical summary is published. By law, doctors have to lie on the death certificate and say the patient died of the terminal disease. The only thing we really know in Washington and Oregon is that the doctors submitting the forms are filling them out correctly.

I had a friend who went to live in Ethiopia with his wife and young child. Their rented house was infested with rats he could not eliminate. Concerned their baby would be bitten, he complained to his landlord who promised a solution. The landlord showed up the next day with a cobra to put in the attic, assuring them the rats would be dead in a few days. What do you think my friend said? He refused. The solution would work, but it was more dangerous than the rats.

Physician-assisted suicide is that cobra. It is sure to eliminate suffering in the terminally ill, but along with the harms I’ve mentioned, it will literally destroy the foundation of the doctor-patient relationship – trust. It will cause much more harm than good. And you should know it is not a new idea; doctors before Hippocrates both cured and killed. The trouble was you didn’t know which one they would do to you. If someone paid them more, the doctor would kill you and no one would be the wiser. Hippocrates realized medicine could not thrive like that, so he required medical students to take an oath before their future colleagues and the community to promise how they would use the powerful knowledge their teachers would teach them. Over the next few hundred years, patients voted with their feet and Hippocratic medicine became the standard. It is the foundation on which Western healthcare has grown and prospered. Legalizing physician-assisted suicide would take us back 2,500 years.

We need to pour our efforts into eliminating the suffering—not eliminating the patient. We can do this through pain and symptom control research, better end-of-life care, more physicians with palliative care training and good drug laws, as well as coming alongside patients to support them emotionally, spiritually and physically in their last days. A handful of lethal pills is not compassion; it is an escape from the duty of compassion.

H.L Mencken summed it up, “There is always an easy solution to every problem—neat, plausible and wrong.” Let’s not go down the path of physician-assisted suicide. It is not only wrong; it is much too dangerous.

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Aloha,

I am Deborah Kimball. I strongly support the voluntary choice in dying offered by SB 1129 SD 1. I will die, and I will be most grateful if this committee will substantially increase my chance of a “peaceful and humane” death.

My father died a slow death he would never, as a dedicated educator, have chosen. My previously energetic mother died after ten years of existing in several nursing homes with a feeding tube she had not wanted—even pulled out the first one only to have another forced on her. Given the chance, patients certainly deserve control over our life-and-death decisions toward the end.

Seeking some serenity about dying, in my mid-seventies I convened a Death & Dying group. We read extensively, ending with the best-selling *Being Mortal—Medicine and What Matters in the End* by a neurosurgeon who questioned whether another surgery would be the choice of a patient with very little time left. His research transformed his thinking, and mine has been transformed too.

On “God’s will,” without brand new penicillin I would have died at age seven and also at nine, and probably a few decades ago from high cholesterol. So many people in Hawai’i nei—and millions of others—would be dead today without modern medicine and surgery. Medicine should be used to end suffering at the end of life as well! I have read that 80% of U.S. health dollars go to trying to stop seniors’ deaths over their last year or so. If we have a terminal situation and want a choice in when and how that struggle should end, we should surely have it.

Death doesn’t frighten us, I believe, nearly as much as how we do our dying. It’s a difficult topic, and I commend you all for taking it on with reason and care. I think the Health Committee did well in refining the bill and seeking the best safeguards to protect individuals in this most personal, final life process. Please move it forward.

Mahalo.

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I was not always in favor of a medical aid in dying type of bill. However, after much thought and hearing both sides of this issue, I am now fully in favor of SB1129 SD 1 and strongly believe that the time is now.

As a hospice volunteer, and a volunteer chaplain at Castle Medical Center I have been acquainted with those who are terminally ill and facing death in the very near future. I have been present at the death of my father-in-law and my mother. Fortunately, they were both 'peaceful'.

Like much of Hawaii's population, if I was dying and in intense pain, I would like the choice of a compassionate death-- at the time of my choosing and with the loved ones of my choice in attendance. It would be somewhat duplicitous to desire this for myself, but not others.

We are a diverse population with a blend of different cultures, beliefs and religions. Those who object to this bill do not have to choose it for themselves. However, those who do desire the peace of having this option available to them, should not be denied.

Please pass this bill. Mahalo.

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**SB1129**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Debra Adams	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this common sense and compassionate bill. Once again, it is an issue of civil rights and in no way compels a person who does not want to use this medical procedure. Do not be swayed by religious concerns. This is a medical issue and we must not mix church and state. Mahalo.

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**SB1129**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Denise K. Chillingworth	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SD 1129-Medical Aid in Dying SD 1. I support this bill because no one should have to endure the pain & suffering they will go through when they are terminally ill. An individual should have the right to end this suffering with Medical Assistance with safeguards in place.

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**February 27, 2017**

**RE SB 1129SD1**

**Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor**

**Chair Keith-Agaran, and Vice Chair Karl Rhodes, and committee members**

**I am presenting testimony in strong support of the intent of SB 1129. I realize this bill is a sensitive issue with many who would oppose it on religious grounds. My response to that opposition is to point out that the bill does not REQUIRE a person to use the right it gives to those in the last months of their life, but does give those of us who feel differently to have a way to deal with unwanted suffering. The issue here is Choice. The bill does not force choice on anyone, but offers it to those who want and need it**

**For many years I was an advocate for people with disabilities, and feel sure that this bill will not endanger those with disabilities. If you have looked at the Oregon studies you will see that the issue has not arisen in the years that law has been applied in Oregon. My understanding is that SB 1129 copies the procedures and safeguards in the Oregon law that has demonstrated its usefulness for many, many years.**

**In 1980 my father was diagnosed with an aggressive, untreatable cancer. He chose to end his life in his garage, by hanging. If such a law been available to him at that time, he would have been able to die with family gathered near and supporting him. Instead, he said what we discovered were his final goodbyes, sent my mother out to do an errand, and ended his life, painfully alone, in a garage. Yes, there were medicines that could have dealt with his pain, but he did not want to face the loss of his mental and physical abilities. He was a brilliant, proud man who should not have had to die the way he did.**

**In contrast, in 1999, my mother was also given a diagnosis of untreatable cancer. She requested the oncologist to give her a "pill" so she could "just get this over". This was MN and of course the Dr. denied her. She spent 6 weeks with large amounts of pain meds that worked to a limited degree. Sometimes she was aware of her family and friends, others she was not. Given a Choice, she would have wanted the pills to end her life. Maybe, like many of the people in OR. She would have used them in those early days, maybe not, But she would have had it her way, based on her beliefs and values, not that of the state of MN.**

**My husband and I have believed in the Oregon law since it was created, and have considered moving there. I have survived three different cancers so far, I plan to survive for many years, but when my time runs out, I want to not die like my mother or dad, but peacefully at my choosing, with my love ones near in the state I've come to love since 1960.**

**Please, pass this bill.**

**Thank you,**

**Diana Tizard**

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Dear Senators,

Please pass this bill, this session. I am 69 and feel I need to have this possibility as I age. If not I need to move somewhere it is possible, such as California, and I.

Thank you for your compassionate vote for this bill.

Diane Ware Volcano Hawaii 96785

Testimony on S.B. 1129, S.D. 1, Relating to Health  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
February 28, 2017

Chairman Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

My name is Donna P. Van Osdol, and I am submitting my written testimony OPPOSING SB 1129, S.D.1, one of several death with dignity bills.

My only brother passed away several years ago after battling lung cancer for three years. He went through chemotherapy and radiation therapy. I can say that throughout his fight, the medical technology given to him, including his upscale pain medications, allowed him to live comfortably even through the last days of his life. He died peacefully. While going through radiation, the skin from 1/4 of his chest had peeled away, but his caretaker and best friend, Joe, knew what to do since Joe's wife had died from breast cancer.

The care of a beloved family member or friend at the end of his or her life is of the utmost importance. Today, science has advanced to such a degree that one can get severe 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree burns completely healed within a few days thanks to stem cell recovery. The same is certainly true for pain medication as was the case with my brother. He has been gone since 2012, so no doubt medical technology has had more time to advance in the field of pain mediation. I also want to say that his medications were all in pill form; he had no IV.

When you look at one's life and the good things a person has accomplished, assisted suicide truly doesn't justify an honorable life. There is nothing honorable about assisted suicide. There is nothing life-worthy about death with dignity, because assisted suicide is not dignified.

Lastly, this great state of ours, Hawaii, has always been known as a culture that loves life. Will we become known as a state that loves the culture of death? Will we be known as the suicide state? I sincerely hope not.

Because this is such a controversial issue, we should let the entire population of Hawaii decide by adding this on to the ballot during our next election which is a mere two years away.

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**SB1129**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Durell Douthit, AttorneyEmeritus	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am growing old and infirm and may not live long. I would like my physician's advice on all options open to me so I can responsibly plan my future when i'm no longer able to care for myself. Death With Dignity allows me, when I become terminally ill, as I'm sure to do, to decide for myself what's best for me and my family. I want to maintain control over my illness and the conditions of my death. Thanks so much for allowing me this choice.

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Dear Senators Gilbert S.C.Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhodes, Vice Chair

We submit this testimony in strong OPPOSITION to physician suicide under any description for the following reasons.

- \* Proper medical care includes only treating diseases NOT killing the patient.
- \* Legalizing physician assisted suicide sends the wrong message to our already high ranking problem, that suicide is an acceptable way to solve problems.

Hawaii County No. 1 in suicides | Hawaii Tribune-Herald  
[hawaiitribune-herald.com/news/local-news/hawaii-county-no-1-suicides](http://hawaiitribune-herald.com/news/local-news/hawaii-county-no-1-suicides) ▼

Explore Suicide in Hawaii | 2015 Annual Report | AHR  
[www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/2015-annual-report/measure/Suicide/.../HI](http://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/2015-annual-report/measure/Suicide/.../HI)

- \* Concern for failed assisted suicide.
- \* Seek the council of the nurses and Dr's that for years have cared for our loved ones through Hospice, to die naturally with no pain.

We urge you to vote NO and kill SB1129 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017

Dr. & Mrs. Ken Yasuhara

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Aloha!!!

Vote in favor of this bill.

It is modeled after the successful bill in Oregon. We deserve the same law in Hawaii. There have been no serious problems in Oregon where many friends and relatives live.

Thank you for your vote.

Duane Erway

Sent from my iPad

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Senator Keith Agarans,

Please say "no" to assisted suicide. No type of "suicide" is good thing. Please keep the Aloha in our Aloha State.

Sincerely,

Edna Kido



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I strongly support the passage of SB 1129, SD1 related to Medical Aid in Dying. Passage of this bill will save thousands of dollars in medical expenses and eliminate months of suffering by the terminally ill person. This is a pragmatic solution to the dilemma faced by terminally ill patients.

Edward Y. Hirata

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Eileen M Gawrys	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: As a nurse, a cancer survivor, and one who has experienced hospice care for four family members (nephew, brother, mother, father), I request your legislation for death with dignity. mahalo nui loa.

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**SB1129**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elizabeth Kent	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Thank you for hearing this important bill. I support having the right for death with dignity. My friend died from ALS. It was a horrible death. I do not know if she would have chosen death with dignity but I do know she should have had the choice. Please allow us to have this choice. Thank you, Elizabeth Kent

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**Date:** Saturday, February 25, 2017 5:47:13 PM

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Aloha Senators,

I'm writing in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB 1129. It is so important that we each have choices as we face the pain of termination illness and death. This bill is humane, with appropriate safeguards. It allows each person to decide the right way to face death and pain, without imposing judgment on others.

I'm a strong Christian and fully support this bill. People of faith can and do have different opinions on how to die, but that is the very reason the state should not be dictating how any of us face death, and should not be prohibiting the availability of options that are reasonable, humane, and help alleviate unnecessary suffering. There are things worse than death, and that is facing death with intractable pain and an incurable disease, where suffering is prolonged and has no positive meaning. Doctors cannot always control pain, and each patient should be able to make their own decision in this regard.

Thank you.

Ellen Carson

**From:** [Ellen Dumonceau](#)  
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This letter is to let you know i am in full support of this bill which provides terminally ill people the option of choosing medical aid in dying.

i see both life and death as sacred and the passage of this bill will reaffirm the inherent right of the individual to exercise the freedom to choose how best to honor his life. Death is a natural part of life's journey and all us hope for a peaceful transition,

At 74 this issue is profoundly important to me.

thank you for your consideration of my testimony,

Ellen Dumonceau

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ellen Godbey Carson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill. Hawaii needs to allow our residents to make informed choices about how to deal with intractable pain and impending death. This bill allows us all to have dignity and control over pain in our final days. People who have religious objections to this choice can choose not to participate, but they shouldn't deny the rest of us access to reasonable measures to help ease pain and welcome death when we have a terminal illness. Please pass this bill.

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TESTIMONY IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO SB 1129 SDI  
Committee on Judiciary and labor  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2017; 11:30 a.m.; Conference Room 016

February 26, 2017

TO: Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair

I submit this testimony in strong OPPOSITION to physician assisted suicide (or compassion in choice or death with dignity) or under any other description for the following reasons:

- Proper medical care includes only treating diseases NOT killing the patient.
- Legalizing physician assisted suicide or any other descriptive name goes against the Hippocratic Oath, "I will neither give a deadly drug to anybody who asked for it, nor will I make a suggestion to this effect" that physicians swear by when they graduate with a medical degree and begin practicing medicine for the prevention and/or cure of diseases.
- Legalizing physician assisted suicide sends the wrong message to our troubled teens that suicide is an acceptable way to solve problems.
- In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna; we don't abandon them to suicide.
- The witness to a prescription request could be someone who would inherit financial and personal property from the patient. Once the prescription is written, a relative or abusive caregiver can pick it up and give it to the patient in food or drink. Since no witness is required at the time of death, who would know if the patient consented?
- If the patient decides not to take the deadly drug prescribed by a physician, there are risks that a child or youth can pick up the drug and ingest it and die.
- Assisted suicide poses a threat to those living with disabilities or who are in vulnerable circumstances. When assisted suicide becomes an option, pressure can be placed on these individuals to take that option.
- If assisted suicide is made legal, it quickly becomes just another form of treatment and as such, will always be the cheapest option. This is troublesome in a cost-conscious healthcare environment. Health insurance companies may change their coverage plan for the terminally ill by telling the patient they will cover the cost of a deadly drug but not cover cancer treatment, for example.
- There is nothing in SB1129 to protect from explicit or implicit family pressures to commit suicide or personal fears of "being a burden". There is also no requirement that a doctor evaluate family pressures the patient may be under.
- Prescription requests from terminally ill individuals for suicide drugs are often based on fear and depression. Many cases of depression among terminally ill people can be successfully treated. Yet primary care physicians are generally not experts in diagnosing

depression and may not refer the patient for evaluation by a psychologist or psychiatrist to screen for depression or mental illness.

- Legalizing physician assisted suicide in Hawaii by way of SB 1129 SDI will be the gateway to a culture of euthanasia. It will be economically cheaper to end one's life who has a terminal illness or is depressed than to help this person with medical treatments.

I urge you to vote "No" on SB 1129 SDI.

Sincerely,

*Eric Chang*

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Aloha Senate JDL Committee Members!

Please vote to continue the progress of this Hawai'i Medical Aid in Dying Act, by supporting it onward to the full Senate.

I support this bill as it gives people more choice in their lives — no one is mandated to choose to end their lives, but they definitely have a choice, if all criteria is met. Since this is similar to other States who are already using it, it is known that there are no problems with it. Please do your part in giving Hawaii residents this choice.

Mahalo for your consideration,  
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**From:** [Eunice Saito](#)  
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Dear Honorable Members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee. Please lend your support to SB 1129 for these reasons:

- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->It gives people with a terminal illness the freedom of choice that does not infringe on the health nor safety rights of anyone else
- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->It accords compassion and allows death with dignity to patients who experience extreme physical/mental/emotional pain, agony, or suffering from a terminal illness. Some terminal patients refuse further medical interventions and opt to abstain from food and water to hasten the inevitable, but they suffer as they bide their time and put loved ones through trauma. They deserve the right to choose a kinder, more humane option. We do not condone waiting for the inevitable natural death of pets when they suffer miserably from a catastrophic illness or injury. We deem prolonging the suffering as torturous not only to the animals but often to the pet owners who love them. We display compassion and humanitarian empathy by seeking the assistance of veterinarians to put the animals out of their misery. Some owners may take their own measures to end the suffering. While it may be viewed as ironic, these are acts of “doing no harm.”
- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->It does not impose obligations or requirements on people whose religious or personal beliefs are not in alignment with the intent of the legislation
- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->It does not force all unwilling professionals in the medical field to actively participate in this dignified and end-of-life scenario
- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->It ensures safeguards and eliminates or minimizes potential abuses by family members, caregivers, or health care providers
- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->It offers legal protection to family members, caregivers, and health care providers who provide the support or assistance the patient requires to die with dignity under the provisions of this law
- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->It allows dying Hawaii residents an option where they would not have to move themselves and/or loved ones to another state (having death-with-dignity provisions) while they are in an already highly stress-ridden state
- [if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->It gives terminally-ill patients contemplating suicide some degree of hope and/or peace for themselves and their loved ones. Our residents who took their own lives early in an illness that was deemed terminal did not have the option of dying with dignity. They recognized the toll it would take on themselves and/or their loved ones. Their desperation led them to take their own lives, leaving a legacy tainted by the stigma of suicide. Their circle of family and associates often eventually understood and accepted the motive behind their shocking, bold, and ultimately illegal actions. Society should not force patients into an untenable corner where they would opt to commit the crime of suicide. This tide must turn, for we are a rational and compassionate people.

--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->It is a strong and comprehensive piece of long-overdue legislation

Thank you and aloha,

Eunice Saito,

**From:** [Evelyn](#)  
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**Date:** Saturday, February 25, 2017 10:37:38 AM

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Aloha All,

I am in strong support of SB1129 relating to Medical Aid in Dying. As an adult, I wish to have this legal choice available to me. Speaking for myself only, I would prefer medical aid in dying, rather than entering into hospice. I appreciate the kindness and care that some people receive in hospice, but for myself when it is my time to pass, I need SB1129, medical aid in dying, to be a choice available to me. For myself, this is how I wish to pass.

I am hoping SB1129 will pass in 2017.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Mahalo,

Evelyn

**From:** [Frances Yoshimitsu](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to SB 1129 SD 1  
**Date:** Sunday, February 26, 2017 9:26:33 PM

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Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I strongly oppose SB 1129 SD 1.

Physician-assisted suicide is presented as the only choice for those who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness; as if this is the person's only option. This bill would require a physician to prescribe a lethal dose for the person contemplating suicide. Why are the proponents of SB 1129 SD 1 affecting two lives; one, a person meant to save lives; and the other, a person needing caring people around to help him/her through trying times of discomfort and pain?

Focus need to be placed on ways to give comfort to those who are terminally ill. There is so much value in hospice care and palliative care. Many physicians and nurses devote their lives to seeing that their patients are provided with relief from the symptoms, pain, physical and mental stress of their illness as stated in the Journal of Palliative Medicine. Palliative care includes involving the family to help improve the quality of life for both.

I respectfully ask the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor to vote against this bill. Promote palliative care to those facing a terminal illness.

Thank you,

Frances Yoshimitsu

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**SB1129**

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Frances	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**SB1129**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Francis Liu MD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am a retired physician and believe this would be a dangerous course for medicine. My email address is liufrancis@hotmail.com

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re: Medical Aid in Dying Act (SB 1129)

Dear Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee

I am writing to urge you to pass the SB 1129 Medical Aid in Dying Act now.

I am 75 years old and, as with many older people, have experienced the deaths of many friends and family members over the years.

Some of their deaths were good — a swift passing without lingering pain or the horror of life support systems.

And some were bad — very bad — because of their body and mind being in pain and kept alive and breathing against their will and with no hope of an immediate end.

Many of these bad deaths could possibly have been better for the dying person and their family.

It is time for all of us to have the legal option of ending the physical and emotional pain that too often keeps us alive past our natural or desired moment of death.

Please support and pass a bill that will allow each of us to make our determination — and for that decision to be implemented and resolved by our loved ones and caregivers if we are in a painful and terminal situation or unconscious.

Passing this bill is the courageous decision for the Hawai'i Legislature to make — allowing each of us to have a choice regarding the conditions and experience of the last moments of our lives.

Thank you.

Franco Salmoiraghi



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Frances K. (Frankie) Stapleton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha e Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, I am Frances K. Stapleton, a 47-year resident of the state of Hawaii and I strongly support this bill that would enable a undeniable and legal option for people facing end-of- life certainties. It has been disheartening to see this issue come before the State Legislature so many times in the past only to be denied apparently based on religious issues, religions to which the majority of the population here do not subscribe. And for religious objectors to make it so that individuals suffering lengthy, lingering, painful terminal illnesses have no recourse but to continue suffering is inhumane. Neither other peoples' religions nor the government should dictate such a personal, inalienable right. Please do all within your power to help make this bill become law in the state of Hawaii ASAP. Mahalo nui for your attention to my testimony. I am a retired journalist and public school teacher; I live at 14-803 Crystal Circle, Pahoia, HI 96778. Respectfully, Frances K. (Frankie) Stapleton

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**SB1129**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
gary pruder	Individual	Support	No

Comments: my wife and i are in our mid eighties lived in Hawaii for thirty years and are very happy. We are very aware that we are approaching our final days on earth and want the right, with our doctor, to decide issues with the final years or days of our lives. These decisions should be ours and not dictated by strangers or religious edicts. We support the rights of those religious to decide their issues, but not ours. Please, death with dignity should be our choice. We both support SB1129. Our god would never force inhuman treatment. gary and barbara pruder

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February 27, 2017

Hawaii State Legislature  
**RE: SB1129**

I am opposed to Senate Bill 1129 for a number of reasons, including:

- 1) Physician-assisted suicide leads to an increase in all suicides. This is often called the “contagion” effect. This has happened in Oregon. Here is an unedited abstract from the Southern Medical Journal (<http://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/852658>):

### How Does Legalization of Physician-Assisted Suicide Affect Rates of Suicide?

Authors- David Albert Jones, DPhil; David Paton, PhD

South Med J. 2015;108(10):599-604.

**Objectives:** Several US states have legalized or decriminalized physician-assisted suicide (PAS) while others are considering permitting PAS. Although it has been suggested that legalization could lead to a reduction in total suicides and to a delay in those suicides that do occur, to date no research has tested whether these effects can be identified in practice. The aim of this study was to fill this gap by examining the association between the legalization of PAS and state-level suicide rates in the United States between 1990 and 2013.

**Methods:** We used regression analysis to test the change in rates of nonassisted suicides and total suicides (including assisted suicides) before and after the legalization of PAS.

**Results:** Controlling for various socioeconomic factors, unobservable state and year effects, and state-specific linear trends, we found that legalizing PAS was associated with a 6.3% (95% confidence interval 2.70%–9.9%) increase in total suicides (including assisted suicides). This effect was larger in the individuals older than 65 years (14.5%, CI 6.4%–22.7%). Introduction of PAS was neither associated with a reduction in nonassisted suicide rates nor with an increase in the mean age of nonassisted suicide.

**Conclusions:** Legalizing PAS has been associated with an increased rate of total suicides relative to other states and no decrease in nonassisted suicides. This suggests either that PAS does not inhibit (nor acts as an alternative to) nonassisted suicide, or that it acts in this way in some individuals but is associated with an increased inclination to suicide in other individuals.

- 2) As many physicians will disclose, it is not possible to accurately determine the length of time that an individual with a terminal diagnosis will live. Many patients given a 6 month prognosis outlive that time frame. I have worked as a nurse in hospice and have seen firsthand that an individual’s time on this earth is unpredictable. Further complicating this estimation is the individual’s choice of treatment.
- 3) The disabled, elderly and infirm are vulnerable to abuse under the proposed Bill. As I care for my elderly mother with metastatic melanoma, I can appreciate how an impatient or greedy family member could influence the disabled or ill elderly to make a decision they would not normally consider.

- 4) Participation in causing the death of patients undermines public and patient trust in their medical providers. I am a nurse practitioner and am well aware that trust is crucial to providing optimal patient care. I personally would not want to receive care from a provider known to prescribe lethal drugs to their patients. I have been an educator of nurses for over 20 years. I am proud that the American Nurses Association has clear ethical guidance that nurses should not participate in assisted suicide nor execution of criminals. Here is the policy from the ANA:

**Statement of ANA Position:** The American Nurses Association (ANA) prohibits nurses' participation in assisted suicide and euthanasia because these acts are in direct violation of *Code of Ethics for Nurses with Interpretive Statements* (ANA, 2001; herein referred to as *The Code*), the ethical traditions and goals of the profession, and its covenant with society. Nurses have an obligation to provide humane, comprehensive, and compassionate care that respects the rights of patients but upholds the standards of the profession in the presence of chronic, debilitating illness and at end-of-life.

I will be teaching the above to my students in California this week. I was an assistant professor of nursing at University of Hawaii Maui College for many years. My primary home is on Maui. I am currently/temporarily teaching at California State University Long Beach as I oversee the care of my mother. I anticipate returning to my home on Maui in a few years.

Sincerely,



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**SB1129**

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Gene Ward	Individual	Oppose	No

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TO: Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair

Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair

I submit this testimony in strong OPPOSITION to physician assisted suicide (or compassion in choice or death with dignity) or under any other description for the following reasons:

- Proper medical care includes only treating diseases NOT killing the patient.
- Legalizing physician assisted suicide or any other descriptive name goes against the Hippocratic Oath, "I will neither give a deadly drug to anybody who asked for it, nor will I make a suggestion to this effect" that physicians swear by when they graduate with a medical degree and begin practicing medicine for the prevention and/or cure of diseases.
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- Legalizing physician assisted suicide in Hawaii by way of SB 1129 SDI will be the gateway to a culture of euthanasia. It will be economically cheaper to end one's life who has a terminal illness or is depressed than to help this person with medical treatments.

I urge you to vote "No" on SB 1129 SDI.

Aloha,

George W. L. Krueger, 1568 Molina St., Honolulu, HI 96818

**From:** [George Lee](#)  
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i am in favor of SB 1129 which allows medical assistance to die.

My name is the Rev. George Lee. I am a retired Episcopal Church priest and a resident of Hawaii for nearly 60 years. I believe a person who is in a painful dying situation should have the right to choose to die with medical assistance. Thank you.

The Rev. George Lee  
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**SB1129**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
George M Clifford	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a former ethics professor who has published academic journal articles in the field of ethics and as an Episcopal priest in the Diocese of Hawai'i, I strongly support passage of this bill. Allowing persons to die with dignity, aided by appropriate medical providers, rightly respects human dignity and autonomy.

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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Below is the same testimony I sent recently. What more can I say? If you want a graphic example, here's one (of many): ask a caregiver - usually family member - about turning their loved one every two hours (24/7) because of bedsores and usually causing more physical pain (and emotional pain) to the already suffering loved one - who would have gladly chosen medical aid in dying earlier had it been available.

Thank you for reading this and thank you for your service to the citizens of our beautiful State of Hawaii.

In the last few years, four beloved family members passed away in their homes. All lived in areas that did not allow medical aid in dying at the time. All were advocates of this option but it was not available to them. My brother and mother had relatively peaceful deaths with Hospice and palliative care. But my father (in California) and my husband (in Hawaii) suffered!

Both my father and my husband were at home, with loving family, and much appreciated Hospice support and medication. But sometimes that is not enough!

I was present during those final weeks with my father and then, again, three years ago with my husband.

I do not want to go through what they did! I do not want to suffer. I do not want to suffer and, I do not want to see my family experience the anguish of watching me suffer.

I hope and pray that Hawaii will soon allow medical aid in dying. If I am fortunate I won't need this aid. But this law will provide options. Not everyone will want the option or need it, but those who do will be grateful. Please pass this bill.

Thank you,

Georgia Bopp

Kailua, 96734  
(Temporarily, I hope, at Pohai Nani)

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**SB1129**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gerald C. Simmons	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Gerald C. Simmons and submit testimony in support of SB1129SD1. Being of the baby boomer generation as I grow older I do not wish to be a burden on my family or the State of Hawaii. I would like to have the opportunity to discuss with my physician ahead of time and have the right to decided if it is appropriate to end my life due to illness. As we baby boomers age out, the State of Hawaii will be faced with higher Medicaid costs. The State should consider if it will be able to handle additional Medicaid costs just to prolong the life of individuals that would prefer not to be a burden to the State. Thank you for accepting my testimony in support of SB1129SD1.

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I am writing in support of this bill because it's the right thing to do.

Thanks, Ginet

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Glenn Ida	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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I felt impassioned, at this late date, to express my concerns regarding this pending legislation. It is an issue that will definitely impact the way we, as physicians, practice medicine especially in situations concerning pain and suffering and the end of life. There are several points that I would like to make for all involved to seriously think about before allowing this measure to pass or fail.

So far only 5 out of the 50 states (California, Oregon, Washington, Vermont, and Colorado) have allowed this legislature to pass. This legislation has been brought up yearly over the past several years and has been rejected each time. The Hemlock society and a few individuals have, this year, been armed with millions of dollars, much time lobbying our legislature, and a determination to get this legislature passed this year.

Probably the main reason for pursuing physician assisted suicide is to end the suffering from “intractable” pain or “loss of quality of life.” We should always try to maximize our utilization of pain management through specialists such as psychiatrists to manage depression, referral to hospice organizations, family conferences to help coalesce the family to support the patient at the end of life and more importantly, spiritual help and support.

There are multiple reasons why a patient might decide to end his life. A few examples might be the following: because of lack of family support or conflicts among family members regarding the care of the patient; patients who have severe pain and/or poor quality of life not because they are terminal but from conditions which are not terminal such as orthopedic, neurological, psychiatric, or cardiopulmonary conditions.

The cost of medical care to the patient and family during a prolonged illness may be another factor for the patient to consider physician assisted suicide. The family may express concerns about the cost of care of their love one with terminal illness or the patient may worry about the burden placed on the family. It is possible that the patient might secretly request that a physician prescribe medications to end his/her life. This type of situation could, ultimately cause turmoil in the patient’s family and the doctor may be blamed for not notifying them.

With the compassionate care of a physician and increased support of the family, these patients are often happy that they did not make the choice to end their lives when they initially expressed their wishes to do so. As a physician I have encountered numerous such situations. The patient needs to be counseled and if he/she wishes not to proceed with any further treatment of his/her debilitating and terminal condition then this is when the utilization of hospice comes in, with their expertise in the handing of medications and keeping the patient as comfortable as possible, is so valuable. Ultimately, it is a beautiful thing to see the family surrounding the patient with love as he/she exits this earth. Is this not preferable to taking pills to end one’s life unattended? Of course there are those without family, but hospice is known for and does provide the love, support and dignity at the end of their lives.

Passing a law to allow physician assisted suicide does not guarantee the protection of doctors prescribing these medications. Furthermore, they took the Hippocratic Oath and the legislation is encouraging doctors to betray their oath. Today, I have seen patients with cancers who are living longer than predicted because of their will to live in spite of the pain and compromised quality of life, being able to enjoy their family and friends. Doctoring is more than just prescribing drugs for various health situations, compassionate care and support are even more important in allowing the patient to live through their illness. Granted this takes more time and effort on the part of the physician.

The practice of medicine has changed and will continue to change, but too often we find that it is too late to look back at the decisions we make. It is my belief that the majority of physicians do not want to play God with such power in their hands.

Government should not be involved in determining whether physician assisted suicide should be legalized since government does not participate in care of the patient and finally physician assisted suicide should not be the reason for government to control the cost of medical care. The decision is now in the hands of the legislature and how they decide will, indeed, affect society as a whole.

Glenn M. L. Pang M.D  
Gastroenterology/Internal Medicine

I read your proposal that the legislature push physician assisted suicide (PAS) and would like to share 5 reasons that I, as a long time Honolulu physician, believe doing so would ultimately bring regret to Hawaii.

1. The Supreme Court has asserted that “the asserted ‘right’ to assistance in committing suicide is not a fundamental liberty interest protected by the due process clause.” (U.S. Supreme Court Majority Opinion 6/26, 1997).

*Washington v. Glucksberg, and Vacco v. Quill.*

Those two cases decided that the government's interest in preserving life and preventing intentional killing outweighed the patient's interest in the liberty to choose to die. Furthermore, refusing life-saving medical treatment is different than asking a physician to end a patient's life, and the states are free to make laws treating these two acts differently. Hawaii has not chosen to allow intentional killing so far and we have Hawaii law that protects our citizens from what you want to call ‘aid in dying’ which we know is assisting a suicide... it is against Hawaii law.

2. The Hippocratic Oath states “I will neither give a deadly drug to anybody if asked for it, nor will I make a suggestion to this effect.” There is a sanctity to life which the physician must respect at all times. Any physician who agrees to perform PAS is rejecting the oath he took when he became a physician. Activists who praise these physicians do so under the guise of compassion. But this physician likely had very little to do with true care of the patient. He is able to write a prescription for a fee and someone is guaranteeing him freedom from liability.

3. The reason for pursuing PAS is to end the suffering from pain or “loss of quality of life”. If we are not able to relieve pain or maximize the quality of the lives of our patients, then we are lacking as physicians. We utilize pain management physicians, psychiatrists, hospice, and family conference to help bring the family together to support the patient and family at the end of life. Patients who have severe pain or poor quality of life often are not cancer patients but those with orthopedic, neurologic, psychiatric, cardiopulmonary problems who have 5-10 years or more of life. At some time during their illness, because of the pain they are experiencing or the psychological turmoil with spouse or family, they wish to end their lives. With the compassionate care of the physicians and support of their family they most often are happy that they did not make that choice to end their lives when they expressed they would like to.

4. The cost of medical care to the patient and family during an illness may be a factor causing them to consider PAS. The family may sometimes express concerns about the cost or the patient may worry about the burden he is placing on his family. He may secretly request a physician to prescribe medication to end his life. There may be 2 or more physicians in a group that will agree on prescribing the end of life medication because they “understand his dilemma”. Passing a law to allow PAS will protect the doctors prescribing these medications, even if it’s definitely the wrong thing to do. Today I have seen patients with cancers who are living years longer than predicted because of their will to live through the pain and compromised quality of life; being able to enjoy their family and friends. Doctoring is more than prescribing drugs. Compassionate care and support are even more important in allowing the patients to proceed through their illness. This takes a little more time for the physician. With the decrease in reimbursement and the attempt to see more patients to make up for the decrease it will make it easier for doctors not to have to “spend so much time with these patients”. If this is what the State wants, then this will happen.

5. Government should not be involved in determining if PAS should be legalized since government has a role in controlling the cost of medical care. At some point Government may step in to decide who lives or who dies...largely based on the cost of surgery, chemotherapy, psychiatric care, extended care of Alzheimer’s patients, etc.

I emphatically state that the proposed ‘safeguards’ spoken of by legislators cannot be crafted. They have failed in all places that tried them regardless of what proponents will claim.

Let us not all live to have to regret opening the door to this cheap solution to the pain and suffering in life rather than the rich solution of embracing true compassion which ‘suffers with’. I will say again, Doctoring is more than prescribing drugs. Compassionate care and support are even more important. 792 words by Dr. Glenn Pang #’s on cover sheet.

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Aloha;

- I am writing to support the **Medical Aid in Dying Act, SB 1129 SD1**.
- Medical aid in dying is a safe and trusted medical practice for which a terminally ill, mentally capable person who has a prognosis of six months or less to live, has the option to request from his/her doctor a prescription for medication which he or she can choose to self-administer through ingestion to peacefully shorten an unbearable dying process.
- The legislation, written by and for the people of Hawai'i, builds upon the lessons learned in Oregon, where 19 years of safe and compassionate practice allows policymakers in other states to learn about the law's implementation and the benefits it provides for those who wish to access it. SB 1129 SD1 affirms the right of mentally capable, terminally ill adults to determine their own medical treatment options as they near the end of life.
- Hawai'i residents took a national lead by formally advocating for a medical aid in dying option beginning in the mid-nineties. Since then the law has been successfully implemented **in California, Vermont, Montana, Washington State and Oregon and it is in the process of being implemented in Colorado**. We have a cumulative 30 years of experience successfully implementing the legislation without a single incidence of abuse or coercion.  
The people of Hawai'i should have the option, together with their 'ohana and their doctors, to make the end-of-life decisions that are right for them in the final stages of a terminal illness -- including the option to request a prescription from their doctor to end their dying process painlessly and peacefully. SB 1129 SD1 would give those who are dying this important option.
- There's a difference between extending life and just prolonging the dying process of a person who is suffering in the end stages of a terminal disease. In the states where medical aid in dying is authorized, people report significant relief from worry about future pain just from knowing the option is there if they need it.

- Please make it possible to expand end-of-life options in Hawai'i. Kama'aina overwhelmingly support making medical aid in dying available for those with a terminal illness who are or may be suffering at the end of life.

Sincerely,

Greg Godwin, resident on Maui. 1613ht

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Harry Ozols	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We have right to die on our own terms In response to the commentary from three doctors who oppose the right to terminate one's own life with the assistance of a physician: What do they have to say about the cruelty of a law that requires someone to suffer a slow and agonizing death as my mother did ("Assisted suicide does not fit Hawaii," Star-Advertiser, Island Voices, Jan. 22)? My mother made it clear 40 years ago, and again after she suffered a massive stroke at 96, paralyzing her from the nose down, that she wanted to die. Was keeping her alive for 10 agonizing days doing, as they say, no harm? It is time for Hawaii to recognize what other states have. We have a right to our own bodies and to choose when to die. The law needs to be modified to allow the next of kin to administer the medication if the individual is not able to act for themselves. Harry Ozols Punchbowl

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Hokulani Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass SB1129 Medical aid in dying. We all deserve the choice. It's a basic human right. I do not want my right to be thwarted by people that force their religious beliefs on others. Please help the thousands and thousands of people that support this bill. (And even some people that do not yet know that they will want to use it). H Lee

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Howard J. Wolff	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly urge you to support this bill. It doesn't force anyone to do anything. It simply offers those who are dying an end-of-life choice. If they are near death, of sound mind and are suffering, they ought to be allowed to have the humane option of dying with dignity.

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Jack James	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: SB1129 - Opposed by Stage 4 Cancer Survivor Jack James Aloha, In 2006 I was diagnosed with Stage 4 Colon Cancer and over the course of 19 months survived the hideous disease. I am opposed to SB 1129 for the following reasons. 1.) No matter how many safeguards are built in, a patient in a very vulnerable position and is subject to abuse by those that may have motivations other than extending their life. 2.) Pain medication is improving constantly and has been testified to by medical professionals that it is possible to contain and suppress the pain of a patient. 3.) Legalizing a "pill to kill" will remove all hope from the patient and hope, as in my case, is all that one has at that moment in time. I respectfully ask that you not support HB1129. Jack James

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Passing SB 1129 permitting medical aid in dying, is, in my view, the most important action the legislature can take in this or perhaps any year. Any potential ethical problems can be dealt with by appropriate regulation. As for religious objections, that is properly a personal matter.

Thank you for considering my opinion,  
Jacob Bilmes  
1212 Punahou Street  
Honolulu, HI 96826

I strongly support the right of every individual to die with dignity at any time of her choice. SB 1129 SD 1—though far from acknowledging this right as fully as eventually it must be—is a step in the right direction. For years I have noticed that the people who support this kind of legislation are either middle-aged or elderly people acutely aware of their own mortality, and therefore desperately seeking to avoid a long, painful, and pointless period before their death, or else they are people who watched the agony of their own parents or friends as they begged to be allowed to die—often beseeching their own children to kill them in order to give them relief.

I sympathize with those who argue it is not the job of doctors and nurses to help people die; it is their mission to keep people alive. Indeed, I would not have “mercy killing” be in the hands of doctors and nurses at all. It should be the job of other people tenderly educated to perform this heroic task with mercy, tenderness, and honor.

But that is an issue for a later time. At least SB 1129 SD 1 is a step in the right direction.

Pass it now. Death is the necessary end for each of us that should be welcomed and embraced without our having to suffer through a period of wholly unnecessary and inhumane torture, unless such is our choice.

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James Gauer	Individual	Oppose	No

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## TESTIMONY IN STRONG OPPOSITION TO SB 1129 SD1

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2017; 11:30 a.m.; Conference Room 016

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Jim Hochberg and I am a civil rights attorney who has practiced law in Hawaii since 1984 (33 years). I testify in strong opposition to this bill. We should not change the definition of the practice of medicine (the treatment of disease and maintenance of health) to include now the elimination of the patient by suicide. That is simply not the definition of the practice of medicine and you should not change the definition to include it. The law of unintended consequences should advise you against passing this bill out of your committee.

In 1896, the Hawaii Territorial Legislature enacted the statutory definition of the practice of medicine to be the treatment of disease in humans. That concept has been the definition of the practice of medicine since Hippocrates of Kos offered it in the late 5th century BC. For the last roughly 2,500 years, that understanding has led to the trust between medical professionals and their patients that continues to today. The Hawaii definition has only been changed a couple of times since 1896, and all of those changes increased the type of treatment permitted, and permitted those new treatments only for maintaining health and treating disease.

Without an accepted medical protocol for suicide by seconol, doctors are guessing on the proposed protocol for medical suicide. In the places that have legalized physician assisted suicide, the suicide medicine often comes with dangers of unintended survival of the patient with new health issues, or organ failure, coma and the like. **MORE IMPORTANTLY**, should the patient not consume the prescribed 100 capsules of the deadly medicine those pills will be left somewhere in the home without doctor supervision. This is **TOO DANGEROUS!**

This is how the process will actually play out if physician assisted suicide become law. The physician writes a prescription for anti-nausea pills and 100 capsules of seconol, a sedative drug. After giving the patient the prescription, that is the end of the doctor's assistance in the suicide

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process. All alone and without help from family, the patient must empty the 100 capsules to accumulate nine grams of pure, bitter-tasting seconol. To mask the bitterness of the suicide medicine, it is mixed with something to make it hopefully somewhat easier to swallow.

Before the patient actually consumes the suicide mixture, she must ingest the anti-nausea medication, to avoid rejection of the suicide mixture which would result in failed suicide. The doctor is not present to help with any complications: suffocation or multiple organ failure. On the other hand, in places in Europe when the doctor is present for the suicide, he fixes a failed suicide by lethal injection - which is the ultimate goal of this legislation, euthanasia.

Physician-assisted" suicide is very little assistance from the physician. Just the writing of the prescription for the poison. That is it. The physician does not account for the pills at the death of the patient, either through use of the pills or otherwise. In addition, death by seconol suicide is often quite easily *not* a peaceful and dignified death. Recognize that intentionally taking the life of the patient to alleviate health symptoms is not the treatment of disease or the maintenance of health so not the practice of medicine understood for 2,500 years. Don't radically alter the practice of medicine to include the intentional elimination of the patient.

For the foregoing reasons I oppose the bill and ask that you kill it today in committee. If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,



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James Logue	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is my personal opinion after seeing my father suffer that people should have the right to peacefully terminate their own lives should they so choose. The myths about people just using this as a means of suicide because they are depressed are fallacious. They are not over the counter pills. They are prescribed by doctors who have done their research in to the patient's mindset and health. Please pass this bill for our fellow humans who just don't want to suffer anymore. Keep in mind that none of us are immune to these diseases/illnesses and we may perhaps find ourselves in a position in the future were we can either A) Be glad we have this option...or B) Regret not being able to pursue this option.

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James McCay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Keith-Agaran & Vice Chair Rhoads and Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor, Thank you for hearing in this bill SB1129 and on behalf of my beloved late mother Margaret McCay, I am strongly in support of this legislation in all ways. Almost 3 years ago, I got the family call no one wants: "You best get home ASAP: mom has cancer and there isn't much time left...". So I quit my job, left Hawai'i and spent the best part of 9 months caring for my mother until she passed. In that time, I became acutely aware of the paradox for the "blessing of cancer". We are ALL suffering from the terminal condition of life, however cancer gives a strong wake up call to live (and hopefully love) all you can while you can. I learned while death is sad, it is an integral part of life. Life is about quality not quantity. I'd spent years apart from my family, so it was "nice" to be able to have the precious time and renewing family connections in order to support such an important role in my mother's life. However now the important part of my story pertinent to this bill. It was in the time that I helped packed up my mother's affairs while she when she was bed-ridden but still herself mentally, I discovered the boxes of papers, books and legal support for my mother's work on the "Dying with Dignity" movement in Australia. She dedicated the last decade of her life laying foundation helping to pass similar legislation to SB1129 in Australia. I had no idea she was so strongly involved and spent many hours speaking with her and her friends about this work. I was so impressed with her tenacious and tireless efforts - and see now these attributes in myself from her. After these discussions, while I wanted to keep her alive as long as possible, only if there was still quality of life for her. In the end, her own end came before she could legally choose when she wanted to leave this existence. It felt like such brutal irony that she ended up in hospice care when the home care was just too overwhelming. All she wanted and requested at the end was to die at home. So when I almost burned out, and the nurses insisted hospice was essential, I felt I had failed my mother. In short, the emotional burden to all the family was rather intense. Her last few weeks in hospice were on a toxic mix of chemicals that transformed her to a void of the life and person she was. She was alive but not her. We were all just waiting for the peaceful release of death. She had told me months earlier that she would have already chosen to leave her life by that she zero quality of life. Even weeks earlier when she'd lost taste (and she LOVED food), and I had to carry her to go to the bathroom (and clean up) and shower, she's asked me to help how she could just end

"all this shit" - which was a just another frustrating additional horrid experience add to the load. I know I've gone on too much. However writing this and remembering (on a cellular and very emotional level) this testimony is exactly the point of why SB1129 must pass. A terminal medical condition that takes away life, and thus the person, should not be prolonged by care and drugs to stretch on, and on, and on, simply to preserve the medical condition of "life". My mother did not want to be a burden to anyone and she hated the fact she could not have the choice to simply say enough is enough. That decision would have been far from easy, but I know those were her unwavering and unequivocal wishes. This choice must be a legal right. I urge you to ease the continued suffering of others and their families. My mother's strong spirit is watching as you pass SB1129, as is mine. Mahalo & Malama Pono, James McCay  
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Our family previously lived in Oregon where a law similar to this is has been in effect for many years.

All three of us adults over the age 70 in this Ohana support SB1129. There are enough safeguards in this to prevent unauthorized use.

We have seen many of our loved ones suffer insurmountable pain. It is horrible. It is their decision, not ours, to choose or not to choose Medical Aid in Dying, and we realize this.

Please support and pass this SB1129.

Mahalo,

Jan and Howard Gaffney, and Shirlene Hanson

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Please add my testimony:

I believe every person should have the right to decide how they die, with proper medical and psychological support in place.

Jane Kirton Family Nurse Practitioner, RN

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jimmy Collins](#)  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I support the passage of SB 1129 SD 1. Medical Aid in Dying is an important advance in allowing people to make their own decisions about ending their lives. I have known people who have had their lives extended because they were given medical care to keep them alive even though their illnesses were certain to end in death. They and their families suffered needlessly. Passage of SB 1129 SD 1 would give people like them a chance to die with dignity and avoid putting themselves and their loved ones through unnecessary misery.

Sincerely,  
Janet Collins



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**SB1129**

Submitted on: 2/26/2017

Testimony for JDL on Feb 28, 2017 11:30AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Janet Grace	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to SB1129 SD1 Committee on JDL. Hearing February 28, 2017 in Room 16 at 11:30a.m. Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee: I've had the privilege of caring for hundreds of Hawaii's seniors, many with more than one chronic disease, such as Alzheimer's, COPD, Cancer and Parkinson's. I was a ventilator caregiver for the beloved late Peggy Chun and handled her overnight care. In my close to 20 years of providing safe and reliable care to our aging loved ones, I've learned Hawaii has a special and unique way of ensuring our seniors have access to high quality healthcare to include palliative, hospice and also known as end of life care. We know assisted suicide is not healthcare. It is death by prescription and a quick fix and way out for seniors already anxious about their long term care needs. Here in Hawaii our seniors dignity and respect are highly esteemed. Very rarely will they talk openly about their fears. They will do all they can to remain fiercely independent not wanting to be a burden or added cost to their adult children and grandchildren. Assisted suicide sends a horrible message that our precious aging population are not worth the best clinical and skilled providers our island has to offer. We can do much better than death by prescription by improving on the already wonderful, dedicated and compassionate palliative care and hospice providers Statewide. I've seen our hospice teams in action and they are focused on treating people with pain control and comfort measures while preserving and maintaining a sick persons dignity. What message are we sending to our youth where Hawaii has the second highest teen suicide rate in the country? Death by prescription/assisted suicide erodes the very gift of aloha the world envies and longs to experience. Our Kupuna deserve much better. You must kill this bill so that innocent lives are not lost and our kupuna do not leave us before their time. Mahalo.

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I wholeheartedly support this Bill for medical aid in dying for terminal patients. This should be my personal decision and I want that option if I were terminal. Please pass this Bill!

Mahalo,

Jacqueline Wright

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**SB1129**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

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**From:** [Jaymi Edwards](#)  
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**Subject:** Death with Dignity Bill  
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Aloha, I fully support this bill passing, and believe it is long overdue as an option for adult Hawaii residents who are terminal.

Three years ago, my family and I were faced with my 82 yr old father in hospice care, suffering tremendous pain with kidney cancer. Though the professionals in hospice were wonderful, we found that heavy doses of morphine did absolutely nothing to bring him relief, and this was distressing to him to experience, and to our family to witness.

This bill will be an added choice. Everyone finding themselves diagnosed and in great pain will not opt for this option. But for those who do elect to do so, it will give them control and the choice to end their life on their terms, when enough is enough.

I urge you to pass this bill to aid the dying in our great state.

Mahalo, Jaymi Edwards and the Claybaugh family

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jean Alvarez](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Medical aid in dying  
**Date:** Friday, February 24, 2017 10:59:21 AM

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I support this bill as I would want this option. I would not want to prolong suffering and expenses And certain indignities if I had a terminal illness. It would greatly ease my mind and emotional burden to have the option of medical aid in dying. I am 67.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jean mcIntosh](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB 1129 - Medical Aid in Dying  
**Date:** Sunday, February 26, 2017 3:31:28 PM

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I strongly urge the Senate to pass SB 1129 Medical Aid in Dying. This issue is personal for me, as my husband suffered needlessly at the end of life because there were no options to hasten the process. I do not wish other people to suffer this same fate, so I am speaking out and asking for Senate support for compassionate choices.

Thank you.

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**SB134**

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Testimony for JDL on Feb 27, 2017 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeff Stevens	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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February 24, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

This is testimony in support of SB1129, entitled Health: Medical Aid in Dying. I am in favor of passage of this measure for the following reasons:

1. I have witnessed the ordeal of two family members and a friend, all diagnosed with terminal cancer, as they bravely endured the pain and dread associated with their illness and the approach of death. Aware that the end of their life was inevitable, I wished for them the legal right and means to end the suffering if and when they chose to do so.
2. In the event I am faced with a terminal illness, I hope for the legal right and medical means to choose to end my life when suffering and pain become unbearable. I believe the provisions as described in this legislation should be made available for anyone who is faced with the challenges of dealing with terminal illness and who is capable of making an independent decision.
3. The provisions and restrictions described in the legislation above are clearly defined, with protections for the patient, health providers, and others involved in the decision and process in carrying out the patient's request for medical aid in dying, while at the same time, allowing for refusal to participate.

For these reasons I support the passage of SB1129.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny R. Howard



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**SB1129**

Submitted on: 2/24/2017

Testimony for JDL on Feb 28, 2017 11:30AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeny Bissell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Aloha, I am Registered Voter in South Maui and I strongly oppose SB1129. This measure will undo many of our efforts to prevent suicide, reduce prescription overdose, etc. It may also worsen some of our emerging public health problems affecting youths, i.e. suicide, substance abuse, "fruit bowl" induced fatality and morbidity. And this measure may increase the rate of domestic violence related deaths and near fatalities. Please reconsider by not having these lethal drugs accessible and available to your constituents. Instead let's invest our limited resources in strategies that is effective. Please defer or kill this bill.

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**From:** [Jim Dougherty](#)  
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**Subject:** Aid in Dying Bill  
**Date:** Friday, February 24, 2017 1:44:03 PM

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Dear Senators,

I would urge your help in not voting in favor of the Aid in Dying Bill as it would be deeply harmful to vulnerable individuals who do not feel support from their families to continue their lives.

Thank you.

Jim Dougherty  
Mountain View, HI

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**SB1129**

Submitted on: 2/27/2017

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jim Jones MD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As a nephrologist I deal with death and dying and patients choice daily. When patients feel a modicum of control they don't request this. We need to spend our time giving better care and access to patients who are already having a difficult time with the medical establishment. This is not a theoretical concern. We can see multiple abuses in Oregon even though their law like this proposed law is not transparent. Individuals have come forward who were offered death rather than treatment. Doctor shopping happens. Everything has the potential for abuse and this proposal more than most. Please vote no.

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**From:** [Joan Schumacher](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Hawaii medical aid in dying  
**Date:** Sunday, February 26, 2017 10:53:59 PM

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SB 1129

Please pass this Bill. I have been caring for my daughter who has a brain tumor. Her quality of life is constantly decreasing And she would like some assurance that she will be able to end her life if it becomes unbearable.

I regard this right as the ultimate civil right. My husband and I request this right for ourselves should the need arise.

Thanks

Joan Schumacher

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**From:** [Joann Tall](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB1129  
**Date:** Friday, February 24, 2017 6:05:35 PM

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I am sending this email to testify in support of SB1129. I have had personal experience helping both my father and mother deal with the end of life issues as their health care provider. My father had lung cancer and desperately wanted to end his life on his own terms and his own timetable. He was not able to do that because there was no law at that time allowing him access to medical care or advice. He suffered terribly and was very angry at his doctors and frustrated at me.

My mother had acute anxiety before she passed; having seen my father go thru this kind of trauma and her health was directly affected in a very negative way due to her fear that her end of life would be like his. It turned out that she also suffered from the same type of poor medical care in that no one was able to help her end her life in a compassionate and caring way, according to her wishes.

Please pass this bill and help each individual have the right to choose how they manage the passing of their own life.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joann Tall

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Joanna](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Medical Aid in Dying  
**Date:** Friday, February 24, 2017 10:34:15 AM

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Dear Sirs:

I think it is imperative that Hawaii should permit medical aid in dying to people with terminal diseases in terrible pain and close to dying.

I watched my mother, age 89, with her hip burning with necrosis in a large tumor, die slowly in Assisted Living. I slept on a mattress in her room and heard her moaning with pain. She had surgery for that tumor four times over a ten year period. Each time the surgeons said, "We got it all." Each time it came back. The last time it did the surgeons refused to operate. My mother also had scleroderma and advanced dementia. She had no positive quality of life by then. She only had pain.

Had she had the right to die, under medical supervision, she would have died a more dignified death about a month earlier. All hope for recovery was long gone by then and it was what she wanted before dementia set in severely. I still feel guilt about not being able to help her along at the end.

Now I am approaching 80 years of age and I want my own daughter to be able to help me die with dignity and under medical supervision when my time comes. I don't want to go through what my mother went through. I don't want my daughter to go through what I went through.

I am sure you are receiving many such stories and many such pleas.

In the name of love, please heed them.

Sincerely,

Joanna Bressler, Ph.D.

**From:** [Jo-Anne Nakamoto](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Hawaii Medical Aid in Dying Act  
**Date:** Friday, February 24, 2017 3:15:37 PM

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Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to beg you to pass the above-mentioned act this legislative session. I am a 58-yr-old employed, college-educated female who has had the unpleasant experiences of relatives imploring us to "let them go, enough is enough" through parched lips, barely audible. It is heart-wrenching and very cruel to let them to linger in pain for so long.

I believe the Act is written carefully enough to protect citizens from wrongful use, and as a progressive State, we should follow the example of the other states (Colorado, etc.) in enacting this legislation.

It's so easy to make judgements/opinions in the public setting, but when it actually happens to you, it hits a nerve and you realize, we NEED TO HAVE THIS HUMANE and compassionate ability NOW. If not for our parents, let it be for my generation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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**SB1129**

Submitted on: 2/25/2017

Testimony for JDL on Feb 28, 2017 11:30AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
joycelyn iyo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing to support SB 1129. This is the story of Margaret, my mother-in-law. She was ill for quite a while with cancer attacking her body. She suffered so much pain and eventually died of lung cancer that spread throughout her body. She did not have choices to end her life in a more graceful, peaceful, compassionate way. Her loved ones also suffered and could only watch her suffer until her death. Near the end she told her children that she wished and wanted a pill to end her pain, suffering, and life. There was no such option, she had to endure her pain and died suffering. Almost all folk, all over the world, would only want our mothers and fathers to have peaceful senior years with the least discomforts as possible. Yet, so many people with terminal illnesses have end of lives that are overcome with pain, trauma, and suffering. And their loved ones and friends all suffer along with their beloved. Please support SB 1129. It is a very important bill that many would be overjoyed to see it become law in Hawaii. A law that would alleviate the pain, suffering, trauma that patients and their survivors have to endure in terminal illnesses. Although it provides a choice to end life, it also offers hope and relief to the terminally ill individual as well their survivors for a "way out" . . . "opting out" of enduring pain, trauma, and suffering to the very end and rest of their life. We will all die. Providing compassionate options is very humane and a kindness that we can offer to our fellow human beings. Pass this bill. It will give them an option. Those affected by a terminal illnesses will be the ones to decide if they will end their life. Give them the option. It is their decision. They are the ones suffering...not the rest of us or the State of Hawaii. Sincerely, Joycelyn iyo and Husband Sent from my iPad

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**From:** [John Heidel](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB 1129  
**Date:** Saturday, February 25, 2017 9:36:58 AM

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**TO:** Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads and members of the Judiciary Labor Committee

**RE:** SB 1129

**DATE OF HEARING:** 2-28-17 at 1130 am

**PLACE:** Room 016

My name is John Heidel and I stand in strong support of SB 1129. Mahao for holding this hearing and listening to the voices of the community.

Professionally, I have been studying theology and following the teachings of Jesus for 64 years. I have grown from a very strong traditional foundation of Methodism in the early 1950s to an equally strong progressive approach to Christianity in 2017. I am an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ (1967), a former chaplain of Punahou School (1969-2001) and, in retirement, the former president of The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii (2004-2012). I have been affiliated with Christ Church, Uniting Disciples and Presbyterians in Kailua since 1974.

So, professionally, I know the difference between following a prescribed system of belief designed by a “bunch of old, white men” over 1,400 years ago and an understanding of God that is dynamic (always growing) and compassionate (always loving). I respectfully ask you to resist the arguments of the conservative Christians who maintain the beliefs of the past (Catholic, Mormon, and most evangelicals) and hear the position of progressive Christians (mostly mainline Protestants) who are defining the spirituality of the future. The conservatives may have a loud voice and a “huge” presence but, on this issue, they are a small minority and, this time, the majority has the moral perspective.

Personally, I have been recently diagnosed with prostate cancer. Therefore, my position has grown stronger since I first addressed this issue in 2002.

So, personally, after many professional experiences with people suffering a protracted and painful end of life, this has taken an interesting turn. Since I know what other families have endured, I don’t want the people I love the most to go through a similar struggle. Since I have seen the prolonged physical, mental and spiritual suffering endured by too many, it is extremely hopeful to see the possibility of a different choice offered by this bill. End of life choices are intensely personal and individual; this bill doesn’t force a choice on anyone but offers the freedom of choice to everyone.

Please enact this important legislation.

Rev. Dr. John R. Heidel



**Testimony of John M. Knox to  
STATE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR  
In Support of S.B. 1129  
Feb. 28, 2017, State Capitol Conference Room 016**

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoades, and Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee, my name is John Knox, and I strongly support Senate Bill 1129, SD1.

I have now lived my threescore and ten years, and have begun thinking about end of life much more often. Of course I hope for vigor and energy till nearly the end, then a nice slow painless fade-out that gives my family a little time to prepare, before I go gently and peacefully into my good night. But of course I also have fears about alternative scenarios, such as lengthy pain or loss of dignity.

If that happens, don't I already have the option of suicide? Yes, but unless I want to involve my family in planning what is now a criminal act, I would have to surprise them with my corpse. I have never personally discovered a suicide, but I know people who have, and it has traumatized them. I don't want my wife or kids finding me hanging, or my head disfigured from a gunshot wound, or sitting in a bathtub full of my own blood. I want a choice for myself and full knowledge and expectation for them.

One of my end-of-life fears is that I will be a conscious paraplegic or quadriplegic. If I am, perhaps I can still "self-administer" by sipping through a straw or putting out my tongue, but I would need a certain measure of help. I hope you can insert a definition of "self-administration," with proper safeguards, which allows for that. Thank you for your attention to this testimony.

John M. Knox,

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**SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS ON S.B. 1129, S.D. 1,  
RELATING TO HEALTH**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 11:30 a.m., Conference Room 016**

Date: February 24, 2017

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

On February 23, 2017, I submitted testimony IN OPPOSITION to this bill. The purpose of these SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENTS is to propose an amendment to Senate Draft 1 that would prohibit the prescription of lethal drugs for use by the elderly and disabled for the reasons set forth in my original testimony. The definition of individual with disabilities in clause (2) is based on the Americans With Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12102.

The definition of "Adult" in SECTION 2 of S.B. 1129, S.D. 1, § -1, should be amended to read as follows:

"Adult" means an individual who is eighteen years of age or older, provided, however, that the term shall not include:

- (1) An individual over seventy-five years of age; or
- (2) An individual who is unable to live independently because of a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

TO: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee

FR: John H. Radcliffe

RE: Testimony in **SUPPORT of Senate Bill (SB) 1129 SD 1** Relating to Health Establishes a death with dignity act under which a terminally ill adult resident may obtain a prescription for medication to end the patient's life.

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

My name is John Radcliffe, and this is the forty-first year that I have had the joy and pleasure of working as a lobbyist in these halls. It has been my life, and I am so grateful to have had such a singular opportunity. Thank you and all your colleagues going back to January of 1976.

I am here to testify for justice for doctors, and by so doing permit already terminally ill, adult patients with less than six months to live, and who are mentally competent, to control the time and place of their own death—without having their physician have to face criminal sanctions.

That is what SB 1129 SD 1 does. This bill is a substantial mirror of the Oregon legislation of 1997, the oldest and longest serving law in the country. In short, it is fashioned after the oldest, most conservative, and longest serving model legislation in the country. And there has never been a problem with it.

The medical condition that it ends, shortens the amount and duration of extraordinary, extreme pain and suffering that must be endured. And don't kid yourself, this is no more about morality than was the choice that hundreds of people in the Twin Towers on 9/11 to jump into space rather than be ravaged by fire at their backs. That was about life ending relief. It was about being human. And so is this. That's all it is.

This is about your chance to, if not vanquish death, at least cheat him out of a little extra agony at the end.

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**SB1129**

Submitted on: 2/24/2017

Testimony for JDL on Feb 28, 2017 11:30AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joleen Oshiro	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: There should be an option for people to end their lives when facing terminal illness and an extended dying process filled with suffering.

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**From:** [Jonathan McRoberts](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Medical Aid in Dying Act  
**Date:** Monday, February 27, 2017 9:35:05 AM

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I strongly support this act. I have worked with Hospice and experienced situations in which the patient wanted to die to get out of pain. Unfortunately, their only option was to prolong their life of pain through strong painkillers that just left them in a stupor. This was a great stress for them and their families.

Jonathan McRoberts  
2214 Liliuokalani Street  
Kilauea, HI 96754

**From:** [Island Man](#)  
**To:** [JDL Testimony](#)  
**Subject:** Supportive Testimony for SB1129 SD1  
**Date:** Friday, February 24, 2017 11:09:47 PM

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Aloha Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee:

Senate Bill 1129 has not thing to do with religious beliefs or spirituality.  
Senate Bill 1129 in and of itself simply offers a choice.  
Nothing more and nothing less.

If Senate Bill 1129 is available to Hawai'i,  
the citizenry will have a choice.  
Whether the choice is Senate Bill 1129 or not  
in the individual's act of choosing,  
that is when his or her religion, spirituality, beliefs  
guide the individual's choice.  
Senate Bill 1129 simply offers the individual a choice.  
Nothing more and nothing less.

Senate Bill 1129 is democracy in action.  
A major percentage of the population wants a choice.  
That choice imposes its will on no one as the choice is personal to each of us.

Mahalo,  
Joseph Basque  
Hilo



**From:** [Joseph Picon](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** testimony in opposition to SB 1129 - "Medical Aid in Dying"  
**Date:** Monday, February 27, 2017 12:17:17 AM

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From:  
Joseph P. Picon  
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Waipahu, Hi. 96797

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

I submit this testimony in strong opposition to SB 1129 SD1 the "Medical Aid in Dying" bill, also known as physician assisted suicide under another description for the following reasons:  
-Proper medical care includes treating the patients for their health not their death.  
-Legalizing physician assisted suicide reduces our society's value of human life. This sends the message to those with suicidal thoughts and feelings that it's OK to commit suicide because the state now says it is. So instead of helping those at risk of choosing suicide as a solution to their problems, the state would be encouraging suicide as a solution to their problems. Don't fail the very people you swore to serve by passing a bill that literally spreads the idea that taking your own life is the solution to your problems.  
-In Hawaii we are supposed to love and care for our elderly, not abandon them to suicide.

Please vote no to SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, Feb 28, 2017.

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Chair Rosalyn Baker  
Vice-Chair Clarence Nishihara

SB 1129

Wednesday, February 15, 2017 8:30am  
Conference Room 229

My name is Joshua Stanbro, and I represent my family—my mother Sammie who lives in Hilo, my brother Rion who lives in Kalihiwai, Kaua'i, and my proud father Philip Ward Stanbro (d.2001). I now live in Pālolo Valley on O'ahu.

I wish to testify in favor of SB 1129 and convey our entire family's strong support of the measure. My mother testified in support of a similar bill over a decade ago, in 2003, and had her heart broken when this body failed to listen to the overwhelming support of the public. Despite the years, our memories have not faded about why Death with Dignity legislation is so badly needed in Hawai'i.

In 2000, my brother and I left college and law school, respectively, to return to Kona on the Big Island to spend my father's final months with him as he succumbed to the final stages of prostate cancer. My dad Phil was high school quarterback, student body president, a farmer who didn't shy away from hard work, and the most compassionate and principled man I've ever met. He didn't resent that cancer had gotten the better of him, and was at peace with living out his final days on a small deck overlooking a field of kona coffee with his beloved 'lo occasionally circling above.

Day by day, he bore increasing bouts of pain that were countered with larger and larger doses of morphine that began to shut down his bodily functions and inevitably made him increasingly sluggish and mentally slow—a state he absolutely despised. His only desire was to spend his last days with us with a clear mind, open communication, and deep appreciation. He always knew that he wanted to go on his own terms and at the time of his choosing. Relying on bits of information he could cobble together at the time, he told us that he had prepared by squirreled away a bottle full of extra morphine pills. Enough, he told us, to "kill an elephant" and allow him the freedom to finish his life when he judged that he wanted to go.

My dad and mom had moved from Oregon a few years earlier, where a progressive and compassionate state government had allowed Oregonians reliable professional information, a clear process, and the dignity to leave on their own terms. Hawai'i of course was not the same, and in 2001—as it is now—my father was forced to keep his own doctor in the dark and rely only on guesswork and black market information.

So one beautiful evening, with a glorious Kona sunset falling into the Pacific ocean over the coffee fields, my father said his last loving words to us as we surrounded him with affection and stories—proud of the life he had lived, as well as the strength and conviction he demonstrated as he opted to conclude his life on his own terms. He swallowed the pills and laid down with a smile on his face.

Try to imagine, then, his horror and confusion when he woke the next morning with us still at his side—having held a panicked and exasperated all-night vigil at his bedside while we watched his breathing grow slow and shallow but never stop. You see, the Hospice treatment medication had increased so much, and my father's endurance to pain and tolerance of opioids elevated so high, that an overdose his hoarded medication was almost impossible, regardless of volume. How could he know? How could any of us know as we operated in the shadows?

That day my dad sent my mom to plead with a doctor who knew our family and situation well, to give us advice and assistance. In a courageous act that I will forever be grateful for, he discretely agreed to provide my mom with a vial of pills that he assured us would honor my father's wish. That act of compassion made the doctor a lawbreaker and unfairly subjected him to losing his livelihood. The next night, as my father prepared to leave this life for the second time, he motioned me over in a quiet moment while the rest of the family was in another room. "Son," he said, "I need to know you will make sure this is the last night. If these pills don't work, I need you to take care of it. You understand?" He looked at me with eyes that held both conviction and shame, devastated at his own powerlessness—and disgusted that he had to ask his own son to pledge to do the unthinkable.

And this remains the situation today in our Islands. In the decade and a half since my father passed away that evening, how many other fathers have struggled to find the right combination of pills? How many doctors have been begged in the shadows to provide information and help to a desperate spouse? How many dignified and proud individuals have had to spend their last moments with their family not focused on the love and memories of a life well lived, but instead clouded with doubt about whether their instructions from the internet were accurate after all...?

Hawai'i is better than this. We are a progressive, proud, multicultural state that should value freedom over fear, information over ignorance, and individual liberty over the doctrine of a few.

My father's passing was unfortunate, but—just as for all of us—inevitable. Knowing this, he led by example and in turn our family got stronger together and spent our best time together at the close of his life. The only negative emotion, the only pang of regret I feel from that entire time with him would never have occurred if Hawai'i had been a Death with Dignity state. It's too late for our family, but it's not too late to change this in time for the next family.

For the reasons and experiences above, I strongly support SB 1129 as does our entire family. Please do the right thing by nearly 80% of our state's diverse population and pass this legislation.

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**SB1129**

Submitted on: 2/24/2017

Testimony for JDL on Feb 28, 2017 11:30AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joshua Kay	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB1129 SD1 as a reasonable measure, and also because its passage is a priority of the Democratic Party of Hawaii.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Joy Yadao	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I am strongly opposed to this bill and ask this committee to refuse to pass it. SB1129 is a bill that contains no safeguards for the terminally ill consumer and yet protections are offered for the prescriber of the lethal-dose drugs. Once the prescription is given, there are no protections to ensure that there is no coercion, no diversion and that the drugs are taken as prescribed. Prescribing immediate death should carry much more weight and should never be considered so lightly. Anyone contemplating death by their own hands should be protected by the law. More must be done to protect our elderly from abuse!

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I support Medical Aid in Dying because if I were terminally ill and facing a painful and possibly drawn-out death, I would want the option to take medication to end my life on my terms. It would be the humane and compassionate thing to do to pass this bill.

-Joyce Baker  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Judy McCluskey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I fully support SB 1129 because of an experience I had with my father at the end of his life at age 91. He suffered from spinal stenosis, which inhibited his bodily functions and caused terrible pain. He begged me to help him die and I told him there was nothing I could do. He said we treat our animals better than humans when they are suffering. The social worker at Hospice told my Dad he would have to stop eating to hasten his death. So that's what he did--his family watched him starve to death. We all die sometime. It would be a comfort to me to know that when my time comes, I would have a CHOICE to die in peace and with as little trauma for myself and my family as possible. It's the humane and compassionate thing to offer choice. If medical science has created the possibility for people to live longer and longer into infirmity, it should also provide a way out of that state should the patient choose. Please support SB1129 for everyone's sake.

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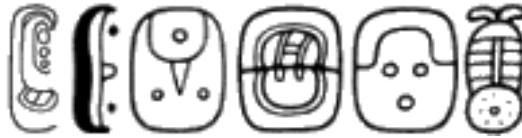
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Aloha- Thank you for your consideration of this very important legislation which I very much hope you will pass. Polls have shown that a majority of Hawaii's residents want to have the choice of death with dignity for themselves and do not feel we should deny that choice for those who are suffering right now. This is compassion in its purest form. Mahalo for dealing with this. Aloha, Judy Mick, Kailua



Juliet A. F. Begley

February 27, 2017

Senator Keith Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhodes, Vice Chair  
Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee

SUPPORT SB 1129 - Relating to Health, establishing a Death with Dignity Act

Dear Senate Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee:

In 2002 I testified for Death with Dignity legislation due to my friend who died with great suffering in 1998. Her death caused me to ask Governor Cayetano if we could put forth a bill to address the hastening of death in the Governor's legislative package that year. He agreed, and Death with Dignity legislation almost passed on the floor of the Senate on the last day of the 2002 Session. Since that time I have been involved with this issue. I do end of life care. So I want to impress upon you that my opinion is not purely intellectual, I have hands on experience with the daily care of dying people.

I fully support legislation to allow for a legal venue for terminally ill people of sound mind to be able to choose when they die. I have cared for over a dozen people in the final stages of life – and all of my patients have asked me why we do not have a safe and reasonable manner of addressing death, that would allow them a peaceful exit, one where they were able to exercise a level of self-control. A death with dignity law in Hawaii, that adheres to the safeguards that Oregon has, is a reasonable response to this need, and will address needless suffering at the end of life.

It has been fifteen years since people in Hawaii started to push for a law to mirror the Death With Dignity law in Oregon for Hawaii. Since that time the entire West Coast of the United States has put in place legal options for people who are terminally ill and of sound mind to be able to end their lives. Please allow the residents of Hawaii to be able to have this same choice. It is the ultimate act of personal autonomy.

Sincerely,

Juliet Begley

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**SB134**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
K. McGlone	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill is needed since there are still people smoking on the UH campus. Sometimes smoke still enters into our office. And walking on to or around campus, we are sometimes still exposed to second-hand smoke. I would appreciate the clean air of a smoke-free campus. Thank you very much for your work on this bill.

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**SB1129**

Submitted on: 2/23/2017

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kalawai'a Goo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this Bill. I also strongly urge the committee to reject any opposition based on religious beliefs.

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**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR**

Sen. Gil Keith-Agaran, Chair

Sen. Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

11:30 a.m.

Room 016

**STRONG SUPPORT FOR SB 1129 SD1 – COMPASSIONATE CHOICE**

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee!

I am testifying in my own behalf this morning in strong support of this bill that allows a person of sound mind in the last stages of a terminal illness to exercise their personal autonomy and die peacefully.

This legislation builds on the 19 years of experience in Oregon, the first state that allowed people to use this safe and compassionate practice to end their suffering.

When my Mom was diagnosed with colon cancer, she asked me to be her health care proxy if she ever became unable to make her own decisions. We talked extensively about the treatments available and the reality of her diagnosis.

She lived for 7 more months and I was her 24/7 caregiver. It was the greatest gift she gave me. The time we spent together was amazing, revealing, and something I cherish every day. She shared things with me that I knew were important, but didn't understand until many years later.

Her doctor recommended chemotherapy and she went through three chemotherapy sessions, which left her sick and miserable for several days after the sessions. One morning, after the third treatment, she told me that she was done with chemo. She said she had a good life and was ready to die.

I called her doctor and told her that my Mom decided to end the chemo sessions. The doctor, with all the best intentions, tried to convince me that she wanted to try something a little different next time and asked that my Mom consider trying it. This was a difficult call for me because I understood that, as a scientist, the doctor was trying to find something that worked. It was a painfully long conversation as her doctor was explaining how this time the chemo could stop the growth of her cancer.

I knew my Mom was in stage 4 nearing the end of her life. I had read many books on cancer since I had a cancerous tumor in 1985 and spent a lot of time in medical libraries trying to determine my best course of action.

I finally had to tell the doctor that I appreciated her scientific curiosity, however, my Mom had decided that she was done with chemo. After more pleading by her doctor, I finally told her that I respected her zeal in trying to help, but that my Mom was done and that was not negotiable.

This all happened in the first 2 months of her diagnosis and her condition was deteriorating rapidly. She was losing weight and I could see her life force draining.

My Mom was a religious person, who only said the word “damn” once. One morning she woke up, she said “Oh s—t, I’m still here.” I was stunned and said, “Mom, you said s—t!” We both laughed and then she told me of the dream she had just had.

She was in a big white room and there was a man in a white robe sitting at a white table. What did it mean, she asked? I told her that I thought it was a classic death dream. She said that she hoped it would come soon. We prayed together that it would.

It didn’t. She lived for 7 months after her diagnosis. People told me how lucky we were that she went fast. I can tell you that that was the longest 7 months of my life and I will never forget the pain and suffering she endured.

What I learned from this is that it is really hard to die. No one is born with an expiration date. My Mom rallied 4 times when doctors expected her to die. It was the most painful thing to watch the person who gave me life and who was such a kind and generous person suffer.

I attended the Compassionate Choice panel discussion on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and respectfully disagree with Dr. Nakatsuka and Joy Yadao. NOT ALL PAIN CAN BE MANAGED.

I truly believe that if she had the means to end her suffering, that would have relieved the incredible stress she felt, that was in addition to the unbearable pain she suffered. I don’t know if she would have taken that path, but I do know that it would have decreased her distress.

My Mom lived in excruciating pain and died weighing 45 pounds...with no dignity.

We closed her casket so her friends would remember Betty Brady as the vibrant and loving community activist she was her whole life.

SB 1129 SD1 affirms the right of mentally capable, terminally ill adults to determine their own medical treatment options as they near the end of life. Compassionate medical people should not be confronted with criminal liability for respecting the rights and autonomy of their patients.

I urge the committee to pass this bill so that people of sound mind with terminal diseases can choose to end their suffering and plan a graceful transition to the next life. This right to die is NOT suicide, it is respect for the right of a terminally ill and mentally capable person to not have to endure unbearable pain and suffering.

Some of the last words she spoke to me were, **“No one should have to go through this.”**

Mahalo for allowing me to share the story of my amazing Mom.

Please support SB 1129 SD 1

I am writing in support of SB 1129 SD 1, the Medical Aid in Dying bill. My father died of lymphoma complications after a five year struggle that left him dependent on blood transfusions and suffering from many complications. While he did not, in the end, have to rely on Oregon's law to permit medical aid in dying, he and my mother retired to Oregon partially because of its humane approach to end of life care. Patients should have the right to choose how to experience the end of life, with as little pain and suffering as possible. Please support this bill.

Katharine Beutner  
Mānoa

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I support Death with Dignity legislation as proposed in Senate Bill 1129 "Health; Death with Dignity."

Even with Hospice care, too many citizens are not able to die without lingering at death's door for many months with no control over their own bodies or daily life. There is no dignity for the patient or the loved ones caring for the patient. There are very few people who would choose to live this way if there was an alternative, peaceful death. There are, however, plenty of well-intentioned people, who think they know what is best for others and who want to inflict their personal belief system on other people like me. Please do not allow this to continue.

I, and almost everyone I know, has no desire to exist a state where there is no hope of recovery and death is just a matter of time. I can think of nothing worse than barely existing, in pain, with no hope of a future of anything but pain and death. I don't want it for me and I certainly don't want it for those who would care for me. I absolutely do not want someone taking care of me instead of moving on to live their life.

The first time I had to put one of my beloved pets to sleep I was completely distraught. As soon as it was over my very first thought was – why are we not able to be as merciful to humans?

I have personally witnessed the horrible, prolonged death of more than one cancer victim. It is simply inhumane to force someone to exist in this condition for months when they clearly are ready to die.

Choosing death over existing (not life, existing) is the most difficult decision one ever has to make but it is also the most merciful and humane. Please end the suffering and enact Senate Bill 1129.



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TO: Chair Keith-Agaran  
Vice-Chair Rhoads

Date: February 24, 2017 (for February 28 hearing)

SUBJECT: SB 1129, SD1 Relating to Health -- **Testimony in Opposition**

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kathy Jaycox and I am writing in opposition to this bill, which would establish medical aid in dying.

I have had three family members benefit from the services of hospice organizations during their final weeks of life. Hospice care can keep a patient pain-free, while providing time for family members to express their love and concern.

I worry that legislation which would provide aid in dying would introduce a "slippery slope." Why keep caring for grandma when we can just give her a pill and move on with our lives?

I understand that no one wants to experience a prolonged and painful death. But hospice care can address this concern. Promote greater awareness of hospice rather than pass this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Kathy Jaycox

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I am writing to support SB1129.

People I know have been made to suffer & endure medical procedures that had little effect on their survival. I do not want that for myself. As I understand it, this bill applies to competent adults who seek to have control over the end of their lives. I want to have this option.

Please vote to support SB1129.

Thank you.

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Keene H Rees	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Death with Dignity allows the terminally ill to decide for themselves what is best for them and to have control over the conditions of their death.

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Kelsey Poaha	Individual	Oppose	No

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## COMMENTS OF

**Ken H. Takayama**  
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**ON S.B. NO. 1129, SD1**  
**RELATING TO HEALTH**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON**  
**JUDICIARY AND LABOR**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

Chair Keith- Agaran and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

Please forgive my late testimony.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to submit comments in strong support of S.B. 1129 Relating to Health, which establishes a death with dignity law for the State of Hawaii. If enacted, this measure will establish a law in Hawaii that is similar to the Oregon law that appears to have served the people of that state well for over ten years.

I have long supported the right of people to choose to end their lives in a dignified manner at the time of their own choosing. To me, the idea of choice is a key element, because this is not—and should not be a matter of placing one set of beliefs above another. The ability of people to end their lives in a dignified manner—and the choice to do so, simply make it the right thing to do.

This issue recently became much more directly personal to me. In February of 2011, two months after I retired from the State, I was diagnosed as having Parkinson's disease. Parkinson's is aptly described by actor Michael J. Fox as "the gift that keeps on taking". In the six years since diagnosis, among other things, my mobility has slowed, I have lost my sense of smell, and my public speaking ability is "shot" (i.e., very degraded). And this is DESPITE my use of several excellent and helpful medications.

Things will get worse. Barring significant scientific breakthroughs, I can expect to become progressively more debilitated until I either die from the disease, or something else gets me first. Death from "complications related to Parkinson's" frequently involves choking, as the throat muscles that control swallowing stop acting in a normal manner.

I haven't given up on living yet. I volunteer part-time at my old office—the Legislative Reference Bureau, I continue to serve on the State Commission to Promote Uniform Legislation, and my wife and I still take ballroom dance lessons, after a fashion. By that I mean that we laugh a lot and hope to dance badly for years to come.

My personal feeling at this point is that I do not fear death, though I'm very concerned about pain. I consider myself fortunate that I have not experienced the pain that affects many people with chronic illnesses. For this reason, I realize that I may never need to end my own life in the manner authorized by this bill—but for the rest of my life, it will be a comfort to know that the authorization, the law, and the procedures are in place.

As is the case with any issue of great importance, support for this bill is not unanimous, as any number of persons, including some physicians, have raised concerns. Aside from the fact that none of these persons need to avail themselves of what is being authorized in the bill, I believe the experience of states that have enacted death with dignity laws is instructive—namely, that there have not been huge numbers of people seeking to end their lives under those laws, nor is there indication of people being pressured to do so.

For physicians who are concerned about violating their Hippocratic Oath, my own perspective is that I personally do not see how prescribing medications to an individual who chooses to end their life in a dignified manner, who ingests the medications on their own, and in so doing is able to end a life that they no longer want to live, for example, due to unendurable pain—constitutes "doing harm". Refusing to assist the person in achieving a desired death in an authorized manner is not an extension of living—it is an extension of dying—and the pain and suffering endured by the patient—in my opinion, unnecessarily—is definitely a greater cause of harm.

I do not believe there any ultimate, definitive answers to these philosophical and intensely personal questions and beliefs. These can be debated in this community from here to eternity, and will continue regardless of the decision you make today. At this juncture, the important thing is what you do.

I will end with the old Confucian saying that the best time to plant a tree was 10 years ago. The second best time—is today.

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Please! Do make people suffer needlessly.



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Aloha,

I highly support Medical Aid in Dying as the right to die with dignity when facing terminal suffering should be up to the individual as it is their life to continue or not. My parents have chosen to retire in Washington State as they have passed legislation to die with dignity if needed, and we as a family are happy to have that option.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kenlynn Nelson

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kevin Batey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB1129 SD1. I feel very strongly that adults should have the right to end their life with dignity. They should not be subjected to needless drawn out pain and suffering when faced with a medically confirmed terminal disease.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kim Coco Iwamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My family lives in the Nuuanu Ahapuaa and, like a majority of this state's residents, we are in strong support of SB1129. Patients who are suffering should be offered a full range of medical options related to their care. The narrow religious beliefs of a few strangers should not limit decision made by a patient after consultation with their physician. I would ask that your committee consider removing the following requirement: "If the patient is an inpatient at a long-term care facility, one of the witnesses shall be an individual designated by the facility." If that particular facility has religious objections to this particular treatment, they should not be allowed to stand in the way of this treatment option. It seems cruel to force the patient, their family, friends, to move the patient out of the facility before that person could get the medical treatment they are requesting. Ultimately I believe that all individuals should have the right to pass with dignity; I support SB1129.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kit Grant	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for hearing this important bill. Like most of Hawaii's voters, I strongly support end of life options for competent adults. This should include a robust hospice and palliative care program as well as physician assisted death in cases where a person is terminally ill and chooses this option without coercion. Who are we to tell a person how much pain and debility they must endure? As the brilliant free-jazz saxophone legend Ornette Coleman said: "Freedom is the right to die YOUR WAY." Let's get hip to that. Mahalo!

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I feel strongly that an individual with a terminal condition, who is suffering from pain or is unable to move or to care for themselves should be able to elect medical aid in dying. I believe that this decision can and should be made by the patient or a duly appointed representative of the patient.

It is cruel to let a dying person suffer in pain when there is no hope of recovery. I know it is a cliché, but our pets are allowed to die peacefully, with help, while we let our loved ones linger in pain waiting and hoping to die.

I watched my Uncle deteriorate, suffering for years from osteoporosis, becoming more bent and fragile everyday. Then one day he fell and his neck was broken. For several months he was bedridden, in pain all the time, not enjoying visitors, and virtually helpless. The pain grew worse and could not be well managed. He would never be well, he knew; he grew cross and then angry, there was nothing he could do for himself, he hurt, he yelled and cussed, and all he wanted was peace. Eventually, he succumbed to pneumonia. His was not a pleasant end.

My hope is that if I am ever in the condition of my Uncle, that I will be able to make the decision myself; that I can say "The pain is too much, I know I will not recover, I don't want my family to have to see me suffer any longer", and then say "Doctor, it is time for me to go, will you help, please" and that the doctor will agree and not fear the law.

Please pass SB1129.

Kristina Adams

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**“Folks are usually about as happy as they make their minds up to be.”  
– Abraham Lincoln**

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I am writing to support the Medical Aid in Dying Act, SB 1129 SD1.

Four years ago, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Thanks to the excellent care I received from my medical team, I am currently in good health. However, like most cancer survivors, the anxiety that the disease will return is never very far from the surface.

In addition to the varying degrees of discomfort from the side effects of treatment, the hardest things for me was the lack of control and the fear of the unknown. One lies there passively while your body is exposed to powerful chemicals and radiation. Given advances in medical research, often times it works. But not always. And you spend the rest of your life wondering if it did. SB 1129 would alleviate both these issues should I become ill again.

The year before I was diagnosed, a friend of mine was dying from stage 4 breast cancer. In her last months, I watched as she lost her hearing, then her ability to speak, then her eyesight as the cancer invaded her brain. Let me be clear—I do not believe that she would have chosen to request medical aid in dying. I do not know if I would. But I do know that it offends me greatly that my dog has more options than I do.

“All we ask is to be allowed to remain the writers of our own story. That story is ever changing. Over the course of our lives, we may encounter unimaginable difficulties. Our concerns and desires may shift. But whatever happens, we want to retain the freedom to shape our lives in ways consistent with our character and loyalties. This is why the betrayals of body and mind that threaten to erase our character and memory remain among our most awful tortures. The battle of being mortal is the battle to maintain the integrity of one’s life—to avoid becoming so diminished or dissipated or subjugated that who you are becomes disconnected from who you were or who you want to be.”  
— Atul Gawande, *Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End*

I respectfully ask that the Committee on Judiciary and Labor support SB 1129.

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My name is Kuuleilani Joslin, my husband's name WAS Walter C. Joslin. Walt was admitted to Queen's on Jan. 11, 2017 and left on Feb. 13, 2017, for palliative care at Hospice Hawaii in Kailua. He died on Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017, at 1:01 a.m., less than 48 hrs. ago.

I am a supporter of the Medical Aid in Dying Act, SB 1129 SD1.

Residents of Hawaii who are terminally ill, should be given the option to request from their doctor, medication to peacefully shortened an unbearable dying process. Prolonging the dying process of a person who is suffering in the end stages of any terminal illness is inhuman. I watched my husband of 60 years slowly deteriorate.

Please make it possible to expand end-of-life options in Hawaii. Support SB 1129 SD1.

Respectfully,  
Kuuleilani B. Joslin

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
L.M. Holmes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this measure. We are all going to die eventually; I would like to be able to decide to go with dignity if it becomes necessary.

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## Written Testimony, Senate Bill 1129

I am writing today in support of **SB 1129, Hawaii's proposed medical aid in dying legislation**. I believe strongly that terminally ill, mentally capable adults be allowed this end of life option.

I witnessed firsthand the suffering of both of my parents during their last years and understand the toll it takes on the individual, their family, and their caregivers. Mom had no quality of life during most of her last three years, she couldn't see, hear, or walk. She lived her last years in a nursing home just waiting to die. Every six months her medical team would inform the family that she had less than six months to live and so she was under Hospice care at her nursing home for almost three years.

During her final year in the nursing home, my father joined her. Dad always said he wanted to age in his home and did not want to endure the kind of life that Mom lived. One morning he collapsed and was taken by ambulance to the hospital. He suffered from congestive heart failure, water on the lungs, plus several other ailments. He couldn't live at home anymore (even with assistance) and required 24/7 skilled nursing care. My parents were in their 90's and had enjoyed full and productive lives. They did not fear death and they were fully aware that they were already dying. During my visits Dad would tell me how each night before going to sleep he asks the universe to please take him and Mom, and with tears in his eyes he would also ask if I could help them die. One of Dad's arguments for death with dignity, was how we allow our pets to die in a humane way, yet there isn't a legal option for humans that are already dying and do not want to suffer anymore.

It was explained to me that it would be okay if my parents wanted to refuse food and water, but any other form of aid in dying is illegal in Hawaii. They did not choose death by starvation and could not understand how taking a pill to end their life is considered a worse option than death by starvation.

My parents passed away in 2014 and their deaths were not sad. Everyone who knew and loved them felt thankful and relieved that their suffering was finally over. Unfortunately, both of them died alone. My sister and I live on neighbor islands and both times we were notified only a few hours prior to their death that the end was coming and we did not have time to get there before they passed. That was another end of life wish of theirs, wanting their family by their side as they transitioned to the afterlife. So, not only could I not honor their wish to help find a way for them to die with dignity and in peace, but we also could not be with them at the end.

As a side note... Our family was very lucky, we didn't face the financial hardship most families do when a loved one is under nursing home care. My parents had saved enough of their hard earned money to afford the high cost of nursing home care. They did hope to leave their estate to their children and grandchildren, but the total cost for the three years Mom required nursing care and the one year Dad did was \$400,000. (That was 2011-2014 so the cost would be even higher now.) The emotional toll was awful, but at least we didn't have need to worry about how to pay for their care.

My story is just one many. As I talk to my friends and neighbors about this issue, I realize they all seem to have similar stories. The people of Hawaii want this legislation. All we are asking is to be allowed the same option that people living in Oregon, California, Washington, Montana, Vermont, and Colorado have. **Please, isn't it time that end-of-life options in Hawaii are expanded to include the medical aid in dying option?**

Respectfully submitted,

Lana Oura

TESTIMONY IN STRONG **OPPOSITION** TO SB 1129 SDI  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran,  
Chair Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice  
Chair

Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2017; 11:30 a.m.; Conference Room  
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TO: Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard  
Senator Donna Mercado Kim  
Senator Laura Thielen

I submit this testimony in strong **OPPOSITION** to physician assisted suicide under any description for the following reasons:

- Proper medical care includes only treating diseases NOT killing the patient
- Legalizing physician assisted suicide sends the wrong message to our troubled teens that suicide is an acceptable way to solve problems
- In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide

I urge you to vote no on SB1129 SDI.

Mahalo for your consideration,  
*Larry M. Duclayan*

**From:** [Laura Thompson](#)  
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Please support and pass this very important measure which gives comfort to those who need it.

Mahalo and aloha,

Laura Thompson, native Hawaiian

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I strongly support this Death with Dignity bill...  
It's time.

My father had to die in fear and pain...  
It is inhumane for us to suffer unnecessarily.

This is a civil rights issue... our right to die in the place and way we choose. It's a very personal choice and a basic human right.

This law would be completely **voluntary** for both patients and physicians. Only the patient can make the request for medication. The patient can rescind the request at any time.  
Fear based opposition has no seat in reality.

SB1129 is modeled on the historic Oregon statute and includes all of the proven safeguards to protect patients from misuse. **The Oregon law has been in effect since 1997 without a single incident of misuse.**

Some of the many safeguards in SB1129 include:

- 1) Confirmation by two physicians of the patient's diagnosis, prognosis, mental competence, and voluntariness of the request;
- 2) Multiple requests by the patient: an oral request followed by a valid written request for medication which must be witnessed by at least two individuals in the presence of the patient, attest that to the best of their knowledge and belief the patient is capable, acting voluntarily, and is not being coerced to sign the request.

One of the witnesses shall be a person who **is not**: A relative of the patient by blood, marriage, or adoption; A person who at the time the request is signed would be entitled to any portion of the estate of the qualified patient upon death under any will or by operation of law; or An owner, operator or employee of a health care facility where the qualified patient is receiving medical treatment or is a resident.

- 3) The patient's attending physician at the time the request is signed shall not be

a witness.

4) If the patient is a patient in a long term care facility at the time the written request is made, one of the witnesses shall be an individual designated by the facility and having qualifications specified by the department of human services by rule.

5) Only adult residents of Hawaii who are mentally competent and have a terminal illness that will lead to death in six months or less will qualify. Patients must be capable of taking the medication themselves without assistance. No one will qualify solely based on age or disability.

Similar laws are also in effect in California, Colorado, Vermont, and Washington.

Today, 22 other states are considering medical aid in dying legislation.

This law allows a person the freedom to die at a time and place of their choosing. Nationally, only 20% of people die at home while 90% of people using Death With Dignity die at home » Death with dignity laws improve palliative and hospice care. Over 90% of Oregonians requesting life-ending medications are in hospice, twice the US average.

Death With Dignity allows the terminally ill to decide for themselves what's best for them and to regain control over their illness and the conditions of their death.

The option to die a peaceful death at the time and place of their choosing provides the terminally ill with invaluable peace of mind at an extremely private time of their lives.

**The latest Hawaii poll (Fall of 2016) revealed that "eight out of 10 Hawaii voters (80%) agreed that a mentally capable adult who is dying of a terminal disease that cannot be cured should have the legal option to request prescription medicine from their doctor, and use that medication to end their suffering in their final stages of dying." A majority of Catholics (82%) and those associated with the Christian Fellowship (83%) said terminally ill adults definitely or probably should have this legal option.**

Please do the right thing... there is nothing harmful or fearful about this. Look at the facts. Thank you.



**From:** [Libby Tao](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I fully Support Death With Dignity and I ask you to do so also.  
**Date:** Monday, February 27, 2017 11:56:48 AM

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Please pass the bill allowing Death With Dignity To Become Law. It is the only right thing to do. There is no saving grace, compassion or rightness in making people suffer far beyond what they should be connected to tubes and the most powerful pain killers. Please let us assist our fellow men and women as we already do our companion pets. Don't humans deserve the same consideration and easy death as our four footed beloveds?

Thank you for your consideration and subsequent vote in favor.

With Loving Aloha

Rev Libby Tao Kelson-Fulcher, D.D.

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Lidiya Peralta	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB 1129. I held my husband till his last breath and it was heart breaking to see all the suffering he went through due to cancer. Even though he would not have chosen medical aid in dying, we both believe terminal patients deserve to have that choice.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Linda Chu Takayama	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Linda Chu Takayama testifying as an individual, in support of this bill. In the last year of her life, my mother begged me to "pull the plug" and end it. She wasn't plugged into anything. I would hope to choose and control how and when my own life ends. Thank you

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Linda Menda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I've always supported Death with Dignity but never once thought that it could apply to me one day. That all changed when I got a call from my doctor on Christmas Eve in 2015. Two weeks later I was in surgery and a month after that I had my first chemo treatment. I've been in remission for almost a year but wonder what if I'm not so lucky if there is a next time. If I were to become terminally ill, I would like to have the option to choose how I want to live the last few months of my life.

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THE SENATE  
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REGULAR SESSION OF 2017  
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR - DECISION MAKING

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2017

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 016; State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

RE: **STRONG OPPOSITION TO SB 1129, SD1**

Dear Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair, Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

Mahalo for your time and service to the families of Hawaii. I am one of Vice Chair, Karl Rhoads' constituents and I stand in **STRONG OPPOSITION to SB 1129, SD1**. This bill will greatly affect my family and loved ones in Hawaii and I ask that this bill be defeated at today's decision-making session.

This measure would legalize "killing" the weakest among us who deserve the utmost in care. Dying and killing are not the same. There is dignity in natural death, but not in suicide, the deliberate "killing" of a person, which this bill supports. Legalizing the act of "killing" will never make it right.

There are several other reasons to oppose this bill. Consider the way in which the actual "cause of death" on death certificates will be reported. Concerning certificates, this bill states, "*Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the attending provider may sign the patient's death certificate, which shall list the underlying terminal disease as the cause of death.*" This is dishonest, since the actual cause of death is by physician-assisted suicide, and not the underlying terminal disease. Also, who would want to remember their loved one dying this way?... and to have to inform their children and grandchildren that their kupuna died by physician-assisted suicide? This is simply depressing, abhorrent and inhumane. SB 1129, SD1 sends the wrong message to our youth that suicide is an acceptable way to solve problems.

PTSD is another problem that may increase as a result of legalized physician-assisted suicide. There is evidence to support this. Here's a quote from the National Center for PTSD (<http://www.ptsd.va.gov/professional/co-occurring/ptsd-suicide.asp>), "*Researchers have also examined exposure to suicide as a traumatic event. Studies show that trauma from exposure to suicide can contribute to PTSD. In particular, adults and adolescents are more likely to develop PTSD as a result of exposure to suicide if one or more of the following conditions are true: if they witness the suicide, if they are very connected with the person who dies, or if they have a history of psychiatric illness (22-24). Studies also show that traumatic grief is more likely to arise after exposure to traumatic death such as suicide (25,26).*"

In Hawaii, we provide the best of care to our sick, elderly, and dying. We do not abandon our loved ones to suicide. Also, abuses and financial exploitation of the terminally-ill patient may increase if this measure passes. **Please vote NO on SB1129, SD1.**

Thank you very much for your kokua and serious consideration of my testimony.

Aloha no,

Lisa Shorba  
Honolulu Resident

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Lisa Wood	Individual	Oppose	No

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Aloha I am asking you to support medical aid in dying, end long suffering for the ill. Please note if any of you have ever witnessed loved ones die and suffer for a very long time with their illness, your compassionate heart will guide you to support this. Mahalo Louise Streppa

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Lucien Wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It's Time For Hawaii To Approve Medical Aid In Dying Even if terminally ill patients want to end their suffering, doctors cannot help them do so in Hawaii. By Lucien Wong If you are suffering a terminal illness with only months to live and you want your life to end quickly to stop your pain and anxiety your doctor will tell you under Hawaii law he cannot help you do this. If you then ask how you will die, if you have cancer, you will likely be told by hunger, thirst or infection. If you ask what can be done about the pain, you will be told medication, such as morphine, will help. If you ask how long it will take the doctor will not be able to tell you with any certainty. This is what my dear wife who passed away in 2015 was told even though she asked several times "I want to go quickly". Her final request could not be granted. It was a very difficult time for her and her family who cared for her and watched the slow sometimes agonizing process of her death all the while knowing she wanted to go quickly but because of Hawaii law could not. If we had lived in a state, such as Oregon, which has had a medical aid in dying law since 1997, she would have been granted her last wish and would not have had to endure what she did in her final days. Other states have passed similar compassionate laws, including Washington and California, i.e., the entire West Coast. Hawaii should be as compassionate so suffering terminally ill patients here will have the option of saying goodbye when they alone believe it is time. Four former Hawaii governors agree as do 80 percent of Hawaii's voters. It is time for Hawaii to be more compassionate! This is why I support SB 1129!

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Thank you for hearing this MOST important bill.

I am in total support of it.

I believe that each person is in charge of his/her life, including the choice of a compassionate death.

With our medical technology improving, the ability to keep a body alive without considering the quality of that person's life it

is even more critical that a person's request on when to die is allowed.

Please, pass this bill.

Thank you,  
Lynn Allen  
Kihei, HI



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
lynne matusow	Individual	Support	No

Comments: For the LIFE of me, I do not understand what is taking so long to get a bill of this type passed and enacted into law. This is a personal decision, one which should not be influenced by anyone except the person who wishes to die. I was not a sentient human being when the decision was made that I should be born, but I am a sentient human being who should have the right to make a decision to die. I am sick and tired of hearing from the self righteous religious opponents of this legislation. They have no right to impose their religious beliefs on me, just as I have no right to impose mine on them. I also object to doctors saying we should not have this choice. If they do not want to participate fine. But there are medical professionals who will. I support John Radcliffe in his struggle to get his bill enacted into law so he may take advantage of it, just as I support all others who too may need to avail themselves of this opportunity. Similar legislation became law in Oregon and other states. It is pending in more than 20 now. Don't control my life. Let me control my life. Let me choice to die on my own terms, if the situation warrants. Fortunately I am healthy now, fortunately I don't have to avail myself of this option now. But we don't know what the future holds. The one thing it should hold is this option be available to those who want and need it. Those who don't want or need it will still be free to die in pain, hooked up to artificial devices, given palliative care with morphine and other drugs, and maybe linger for days, weeks, months, years. I do not want to be in that category. I want the right to choose. Thank you Sen. Rhoads for introducing this legislation. Lynne Matusow 60 N. Beretania, #1804 Honolulu, HI 96817 531-4260

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB 1129, SD1 to be passed as law. I previously submitted testimony in support to the legislature and continue to have the same message. It is a choice for an individual who is of sound mind and who has a terminal medical condition. The bill has been researched, examining the impact and outcomes of states that have such a law in place, and it has safeguards spelled out in the bill. I strongly support the passage of bill SB 1129, SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lynn Onderko	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair and Committee Members, I am writing in strong support for this measure. Medical Aid in Dying gives patients a safe, humane alternative to end of life suffering. No one should be forced to suffer under the law. There are sufficient protections included in the bill and it should be passed. Hawaii is ready for Medical Aid in Dying. Please do the right thing and vote to pass this bill. Mahalo, Lynn Robinson-Onderko, Ewa Beach

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Madolyn Ames	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have experienced intimately, the death of my mother. I was her caregiver for 18 month. She died of cancer. My hanai step-daughter also died of cancer and I was with her throughout her journey. My best friend died of cancer as well and I was also with her. All had terrible deaths and no option out. No option to say, enough is enough. All had run out of any possibility of a cure. Now, another friend is dying. She told me recently that she wished her death would come soon. She has no option. I don't take this lightly, yet, if I were faced with a terminal illness. In severe pain. Having no quality whatsoever of life; I hope I will be given the option of choosing when to say, enough is enough.

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To: Members of the Justice and Labor Committee

My name is Malachy Grange and I am a Registered Nurse. I speak in favor of SB 1129, Hawaii's Medical Aid-in-Dying bill. I practiced in Oregon and Hawaii for 30 years, 25 of which were in Oregon. There I saw first hand the difference that a Medical Aid-in-Dying option can make. I have included two stories at the end of my written testimony below based on my experience that brings this truth home.

SB 1129 addresses a serious gap in the medical care for all Hawaii residents that should be available to them in the last stages of life. Many times, despite excellent hospice care, people suffer in the last months of their life. They experience a loss of dignity, loss of autonomy and loss of any social or family connections and pleasures and sometimes poorly controlled pain and other disabling symptoms. These are a minority, but a significant minority, of those with a terminal prognosis.

Many would like to have a choice on how, when and where to end their lives in a dignified, autonomous manner. There are efficient and humane medicines available for people in the last 6 months of their life that will accomplish this choice. Beginning with the Death with Dignity law that Oregon put into practice in 1997, Medical Aid-in-Dying is now available in several states. It is time for Hawaii to join them.

Oregon instituted safeguards that include screening for mental health concerns, having two physicians corroborate the 6 month prognosis and verification that there is no medical, financial, social or other coercion involved in the situation. NO abuses have been reported in the 19 years of annual statistics reported by the Oregon Department of Health. These safeguards are part of SB 1129, the Hawaii Medical-Aid-in-Dying law you are considering.

Based on the Oregon experience, here is the usual progression of those interested in Medical Aid-in-Dying:

- A person with a terminal illness discusses the options of a self-administered life-ending medication with their physician (and family if they chose) but does not request a prescription to be written.
- Later, after sufficient reflection, the person requests and receives a prescription for a life ending medication but does not fill it.
- Later still, after more reflection, this person fills the medication, safely stores it at home, but does not use it.
- This person, often with the support and love of their family and friends, takes the life-ending medication and dies peacefully in their sleep.

At the first three steps of this process, people invariably report a lessening of fear and anxiety over their impending death and an increased sense of control and choice leading to peace of mind in the last days, weeks and months of their life.

Here are two real life stories from my experience as a Registered Nurse. Before 1997 when there were no options for Medical Aid in Dying, I had a patient whose progressive symptoms of weight loss, pain and immobility, along with her loss of autonomy and dignity, brought her great suffering. Hospice helped, but could not successfully treat her main symptoms. She tried to end her life with street drugs and unfortunately failed, leaving her in a semi-comatose condition. She spent the last weeks of her life in a nursing home, which was her worst nightmare come true.

In 2002, a gentleman with metastatic cancer decided to use prescription medications to end his life, in accord with the Oregon Death with Dignity law. He had symptoms at the time, and hospice was helping him to control most of them, but he did not want the loss of autonomy and dignity that he knew would be part of his dying process. He wanted to die when he still had quality of life. He called his family and friends together and told them of his plan. They supported him and they had several good days together. There was love, enjoyment and closure for all. At his chosen time, he took the medication and died peacefully in his sleep, surrounded by his loved ones.

I ask you, as elected officials, shouldn't Hawaii citizens have the option of the second story above? Please expedite SB 1129.

Mahalo

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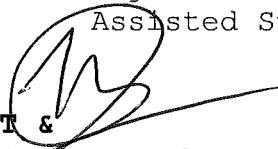
Comments: SB1129 JDL 2-28-17 Chairman Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee: I am Marcia Linville, testifying in support of SB 1129. I feel strongly that just as your life is your own responsibility, so is your death. Many cultures have no ban against suicide, indeed considering it a matter of choice and honor. The strong opposition to this bill seems largely on of a religious basis. I see no justification in allowing one groups religious beliefs to be legally binding of those not of that group. I therefor ask for your support of this bill SB1129 SD1. Thank you Marcia Linville 536-4466

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**TO:** The Hawaii Legislature  
**FROM:** Margaret Dore, Esq., MBA, President  
Choice is an Illusion, a nonprofit corporation<sup>1</sup>  
**RE:** Reject SB 1129 S.D. 1  
Assisted Suicide/Euthanasia.

**VOTE,  
REPORT &  
STATUS:**



On February 17, 2017, the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health recommended passage of the bill, as amended, and adopted a report and referred the bill to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor.  
Contrary to the report:

- The bill is not limited to persons at the end of life, "eligible" persons may have years or decades to live;
- The bill does not require self-administration of the lethal dose; and
- Patient protections are not enforceable.

**DATE:** February 22, 2017

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APPENDIX

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

I am an attorney in Washington State where assisted suicide and euthanasia are legal.<sup>1</sup> Our law is based on a similar law in Oregon. Both laws are similar to the proposed "Medical Aid in Dying" Act.<sup>2</sup>

"Aid in Dying" is a traditional euphemism for physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia.<sup>3</sup> The proposed act legalizes physician-assisted suicide and allows euthanasia as long as actions are taken in "accordance" with the act.

The act applies to people with years or decades to live. Purported patient protections and government oversight are a sham. The act is a recipe for elder abuse. I urge you to vote "No" on SB 1129 SD1. Don't make Washington and Oregon's mistake.

## **II. ASSISTED SUICIDE AND EUTHANASIA**

### **A. Physician-Assisted Suicide**

The American Medical Association (AMA) defines physician-assisted suicide as occurring when "a physician facilitates a

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<sup>1</sup> I am an elder law and appellate attorney licensed to practice law in Washington State since 1986. I am also a former Law Clerk to the Washington State Supreme Court. I am president of Choice is an Illusion, a nonprofit corporation opposed to assisted suicide and euthanasia. My CV is attached hereto in the Appendix at A-1 to A-4. See also [www.margaretdore.com](http://www.margaretdore.com), [www.choiceillusion.org](http://www.choiceillusion.org) and [www.hawaiiagainstassistedsuicide.org](http://www.hawaiiagainstassistedsuicide.org)

<sup>2</sup> The proposed act is contained in SB 1129 SD1, which is attached hereto in the Appendix at A-101 to A-117. The proposed act begins at A-102.

<sup>3</sup> See, for example, this article from 1992: Maria T. Celocruz, "'Aid-in-Dying': Should we decriminalize Physician-Assisted Suicide and Physician-Committed Euthanasia?," American Journal of Law and Medicine." (Attached hereto at A-21)

patient's death by providing the necessary means and/or information to enable the patient to perform the life-ending act."<sup>4</sup> The AMA gives this example:

[A] physician provides sleeping pills and information about the lethal dose, while aware that the patient may commit suicide.<sup>5</sup>

"Assisted suicide" is a general term in which the assisting person is not necessarily a physician.

#### **B. Euthanasia**

Euthanasia, which is also known as "mercy killing" and "lethal injection," is the administration of a lethal agent by another person" to kill that person.<sup>6</sup>

Allowing a person to die by withdrawing medical measures ("pulling the plug") may also be euthanasia.<sup>7</sup> The term is, however, not appropriate if the purpose of the withdrawal is to remove burdensome treatment, as opposed to an intent to kill the patient. More importantly, the patient will not necessarily die. Consider this quote from Washington State regarding a man removed from a ventilator:

[I]nstead of dying as expected, [he] slowly

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<sup>4</sup> The AMA Code of Medical Ethics, 2016, Opinion 5.7, "Physician-Assisted Suicide. (Attached hereto at A-5)

<sup>5</sup> Id.

<sup>6</sup> AMA Code of Medical Ethics, 2016, Opinion 5.8, "Euthanasia," attached hereto at A-5 (lower half of the page). See also definitions of "mercy killing" and "lethal injection" attached hereto at A-6 and A-7.

<sup>7</sup> See definition of "euthanasia" at A-6 (middle of the page).

began to get better.<sup>8</sup>

### **III. THE COMMITTEE REPORT**

On February 17, 2017, the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health issued a report recommending passage of the act as amended.<sup>9</sup> The report, however, is based on false premises, for example, that the lethal dose is required to be self-administered, which is not true. This topic and more are discussed below.

### **IV. THE ACT APPLIES TO PEOPLE WITH YEARS OR DECADES TO LIVE**

The proposed act applies to persons with a "terminal disease," meaning those predicted to have less than six months to live.<sup>10</sup> Such persons may actually have years or decades to live. This is true for three reasons:

#### **A. Treatment Can Lead to Recovery**

In 2000, Oregonian Jeanette Hall was given a terminal diagnosis of six months to a year to live, which was based on her not being treated for cancer.<sup>11</sup> Hall made a settled decision to use Oregon's law, but her doctor convinced her to be treated instead. In a 2016 declaration, she states:

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<sup>8</sup> Nina Shapiro, "Terminal Uncertainty - Washington's new 'Death with Dignity' law allows doctors to help people commit suicide - once they've determined that the patient has only six months to live. But what if they're wrong?," *The Seattle Weekly*, 01/14/09; article at A-18, quote at A-20.

<sup>9</sup> The report is attached hereto at A-117.

<sup>10</sup> See SB 1129 SD1, Section 2, § -1. (Attached hereto at A-103 to A-104).

<sup>11</sup> Affidavit of Kenneth R. Stevens, JR., MD, ¶¶ 3-7, at A-33 to A-34.

This July, it will be 16 years since my diagnosis. If [my doctor] had believed in assisted suicide, I would be dead.<sup>12</sup>

**B. Predictions of Life Expectancy Can Be Wrong**

Patients may also have years to live due to misdiagnosis and because predicting life expectancy is not an exact science.<sup>13</sup>

Consider John Norton, diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) at age 18 or 19.<sup>14</sup> He was told that he would get progressively worse (be paralyzed) and die in three to five years.<sup>15</sup> Instead, the disease progression stopped on its own.<sup>16</sup> In a 2012 affidavit, at age 74, he states:

If assisted suicide or euthanasia had been available to me in the 1950's, I would have missed the bulk of my life and my life yet to come.<sup>17</sup>

**C. In Oregon, "Eligible" Terminal Diseases Include Chronic Conditions Such as Insulin Dependant Diabetes**

The proposed act defines "terminal disease," as follows:

"Terminal disease" means an incurable and irreversible disease that has been medically confirmed and will, within reasonable medical

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<sup>12</sup> Declaration of Jeanette Hall, ¶ 4, attached hereto at A-40.

<sup>13</sup> See e.g., Jessica Firger, "12 million Americans misdiagnosed each year, CBS NEWS, 4/17/14 (attached at A-41); and Nina Shapiro (at A-18 to A-20).

<sup>14</sup> Affidavit of John Norton, August 15, 2012, attached at A-42 to A-44, ¶3.

<sup>15</sup> Id., ¶ 1.

<sup>16</sup> Id., ¶ 4.

<sup>17</sup> Id., ¶ 5.

judgment, produce death within six months.<sup>18</sup>

Oregon's law has an identical definition, as follows:

"Terminal disease" means an incurable and irreversible disease that has been medically confirmed and will, within reasonable medical judgment, produce death within six months.<sup>19</sup>

In Oregon, this identical definition is interpreted to include chronic conditions such as "chronic lower respiratory disease" and "diabetes mellitus" (better known as diabetes). This is because the six months to live is determined without treatment.<sup>20</sup> Oregon doctor, William Toffler, explains:

In Oregon, people with chronic conditions are "terminal," if without their medications, they have less than six months [to] live. (Emphasis added).<sup>21</sup>

Dr. Toffler elaborates:

This is significant when you consider that a typical insulin-dependent 20 year-old-year will live less than a month without insulin.

Such persons, with insulin, are likely to have decades to live; in fact, most diabetics have a normal life span given appropriate control of their blood sugar. (Emphasis and spacing changed).<sup>22</sup>

If the proposed act is not rejected and Hawaii follows

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<sup>18</sup> SB 1129 SD1, Section 2, § -1, attached hereto at A-103 to A-104.

<sup>19</sup> Or. Rev. Stat. 127.800 s.1.01(12), attached hereto at A-47.

<sup>20</sup> These conditions are listed in Oregon government reports concerning its law. See, for example, report excerpts attached hereto at A-53 & A-54.

<sup>21</sup> Declaration of William Toffler, MD, ¶ 4, attached at A-45 to A-46.

<sup>22</sup> Id., at A-46.



Oregon's interpretation of "terminal disease," assisted suicide and euthanasia will be allowed for people with chronic conditions such as insulin dependent diabetes. As noted by Dr. Toffler, such persons can have "decades to live."<sup>23</sup>

**V. IN OREGON AND OTHER STATES, THERE IS PRESSURE TO EXPAND "ELIGIBILITY"**

If the proposed act is enacted, there will likely be pressure to expand "eligibility" over time. I say this due to a 2015 Oregon bill, which sought to expand Oregon's six months to live criteria to one year.<sup>24</sup> Similarly, in New Hampshire, there have been proposed bills, in 2009 and 2014, which included a terminal criteria of "premature death." The bills stated:

"Terminal condition" means an incurable and irreversible condition, for the end stage of which there is no known treatment which will alter its course to death, and which, in the opinion of the attending physician and consulting physician competent in that disease category, will result in premature death. (Emphasis added).<sup>25</sup>

The New Hampshire bills, if enacted, would have rendered functioning working people, with disabilities and chronic conditions such as HIV/AIDS, "terminal" for the purpose of assisted suicide and euthanasia. In 2009, Stephen Drake, of the

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<sup>23</sup> Id.

<sup>24</sup> Oregon House Bill 3337, 2015 legislative session, at <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2015R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB3337/Introduced> (Attached hereto at A-22 and A-23)

<sup>25</sup> New Hampshire bills HB 304 in 2009 and HB 1325 in 2014.

disability rights group, Not Dead Yet, wrote:

Read that definition carefully, terminality is defined as having a condition that is irreversible and will result in a premature death. My partner would fit that definition. Many people I work with also fit the definition. . . . (Emphasis added).<sup>26</sup>

Drake also stated:

This bill, if passed, will guarantee an easy suicide to just about any person with diagnoses of quadriplegia, spinal muscular atrophy, HIV/AIDS, and many other conditions disabilities.<sup>27</sup>

Finally, in Washington State, in 2012, we had an article in our largest paper, which contained a suggestion of euthanasia for people without funds in their old age.<sup>28</sup> So you worked hard all your life, paid taxes and then your pension plan went broke, this is how society will pay you back?

## **VI. HOW THE PROPOSED ACT WORKS**

The proposed act has an application process to obtain the lethal dose, which includes a written lethal dose request form with two required witnesses. One of the witnesses is allowed to be the patient's heir who will financially benefit from the patient's death.<sup>29</sup>

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<sup>26</sup> Stephen Drake, "New Hampshire Poised to Redefine 'Terminally Ill' - to PWDs [Persons With Disabilities] and others for Assisted Suicide Eligibility," Not Dead Yet blog, January 30, 2009, attached hereto at A-24 & A-25.

<sup>27</sup> Id., at A-25

<sup>28</sup> Jerry Large, "Planning for old age at a premium," *The Seattle Times*, March 8, 2012. (Attached hereto at A-26)

<sup>29</sup> See SB 1129 SD 1 at Section 2, § -22, attached at A-124 to A-125.

Once the lethal dose is issued by the pharmacy, there is no oversight. No witness, not even a doctor is required to be present when the lethal dose is administered.<sup>30</sup>

## VI. THE ACT

### A. The Act Creates a New Path of Elder Abuse

1. Elder abuse is a pervasive problem, which includes the financial exploitation and murder of older adults

Elder abuse is a problem in Hawaii and throughout the United States.<sup>31</sup> Perpetrators are often family members who start out with small crimes, such as stealing jewelry and blank checks, before moving on to larger items or to coercing victims to change their wills or to liquidate their assets.<sup>32</sup> Victims may even be murdered.<sup>33</sup> The State of Hawaii Executive Office on Aging states:

Like other forms of interpersonal violence, elder abuse usually occurs behind closed doors.<sup>34</sup>

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<sup>30</sup> See the proposed act in its entirety, attached beginning at A-102.

<sup>31</sup> See: State of Hawaii Executive Office on Aging, "Prevention of Elder Abuse Is in Our Hands: A Guide to Identify, Report and Prevent Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation," published July 2014, available at [https://www.hawaiiadrc.org/Portals/\\_AgencySite/Diane/EA-Prevention-07-2014.pdf](https://www.hawaiiadrc.org/Portals/_AgencySite/Diane/EA-Prevention-07-2014.pdf); and Met Life Mature Market Institute, Broken Trust: Elders, Family and Finances," March 2009, at <https://www.metlife.com/assets/cao/mmi/publications/studies/mmi-study-broken-trust-elders-family-finances.pdf>

<sup>32</sup> Met Life Mature Market Institute, *supra*.

<sup>33</sup> *Id.*, p. 24.

<sup>34</sup> State of Hawaii Executive Office on Aging, *supra* at note 29, page 4.

Elder abuse is prevalent in part because victims do not report it. The Executive Office on Aging states:

- [Victims f]eel ashamed and embarrassed, particularly if a family member is the abuser.
- [They are] afraid that if they report, the abuse will get worse.<sup>35</sup>

**2. "Even if a patient struggled, 'who would know?'"**

The act has no required oversight at the death.<sup>36</sup> In addition, the drugs used are water and alcohol soluble, such that they can be administered to a restrained or sleeping person without consent.<sup>37</sup> Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director for the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, puts it this way:

With assisted suicide laws in Washington and Oregon [and with the proposed act], perpetrators can . . . take a "legal" route, by getting an elder to sign a lethal dose request. Once the prescription is filled, there is no supervision over administration. . . . Even if a patient struggled, "who would know?" (Emphasis added).<sup>38</sup>

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<sup>35</sup> Id., p.5.

<sup>36</sup> See the proposed act in its entirety, attached hereto at A-102 to A-116.

<sup>37</sup> The drugs used for assisted suicide in Oregon and Washington include Secobarbital and Pentobarbital (Nembutal), which are water and alcohol soluble, such that they can be injected without consent. See "Secobarbital Sodium Capsules, Drugs.Com, at <http://www.drugs.com/pr/seconal-sodium.html> and <http://www.drugs.com/pro/nembutal.html> See also Oregon's government report, page 6, attached at A-53 (listing these drugs).

<sup>38</sup> Alex Schadenberg, Letter to the Editor, "Elder abuse a growing problem," *The Advocate*, Official Publication of the Idaho State Bar, October 2010, page 14, available at [http://www.margaret-dore.com/info/October Letters.pdf](http://www.margaret-dore.com/info/October%20Letters.pdf)

**B. The Death Certificate "Shall" List a Terminal Disease as the Cause of Death, Which Will Prevent Prosecution for Murder as a Matter of Law**

The act says:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the attending provider may sign the patient's death certificate, which shall list the underlying terminal disease as the cause of death. (Emphasis added).<sup>39</sup>

The significance of requiring a terminal disease to be listed as the cause of death is that it creates a legal inability to prosecute: The official legal cause of death is a terminal disease (not murder) as a matter of law.

**C. The Act Merely Requires That Actions Be Taken in "Accordance" With the Act**

The act says that actions taken in accordance with the act shall not constitute mercy killing, which is another word for euthanasia.<sup>40</sup> The act states:

Actions taken in accordance with this chapter shall not, for any purpose, constitute suicide, assisted suicide, mercy killing [euthanasia], or homicide, under the law. (Emphasis added).<sup>41</sup>

The Act does not define "accordance."<sup>42</sup> Dictionary definitions include "in the spirit of," meaning "in thought or intention

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<sup>39</sup> SB 1129 SD1, Section 2, § -4(b), attached hereto at A-106.

<sup>40</sup> See definitions at A-6 (defining mercy killing as "euthanasia").

<sup>41</sup> The act, Section 2, § -17, attached at A-109.

<sup>42</sup> See the act in its entirety, attached hereto at A-101 to A-116.

though not physically."<sup>43</sup> So, if a participant in a patient's death had a thought or intention to comply with the act, but did not do not do so, that's enough to prevent the death from being treated as a suicide, assisted suicide, mercy killing [euthanasia], or homicide, under the law.

The significance is that a participant cannot be prosecuted for doing any of these things.

For an example of how "accordance" is interpreted in practice, see Section D below.

**D. If Hawaii Follows Washington State, Perpetrators Will Be Protected Simply Because the Act Was "Used"; Compliance With Patient Protections, Such as a Second Doctor and Waiting Periods, Will Not Be Required**

The act states:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the attending provider may sign the patient's death certificate, which shall list the underlying terminal disease as the cause of death. (Emphasis added).<sup>44</sup>  
[and]

Actions taken in accordance with this chapter shall not, for any purpose, constitute suicide, assisted suicide, mercy killing, or homicide, under the law. (Emphasis added).<sup>45</sup>

Washington State's law has similar language, as follows:

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<sup>43</sup> Definitions are attached hereto at A-76 and A-77.

<sup>44</sup> The act, Section 2, § - 4(b), attached at A-106.

<sup>45</sup> Id., § - 17, attached at A-109.

[T]he patient's death certificate . . . shall list the underlying terminal disease as the cause of death. [and]

Actions taken in accordance with this chapter do not, for any purpose, constitute suicide, assisted suicide, mercy killing, or homicide under the law.<sup>46</sup>

In Washington State, this similar language requires the death certificate to list a natural death without regard to whether there was compliance with patient protections such as a second doctor and waiting periods. The only relevant inquiry is whether Washington State's law was "used." Washington State's "Death Certificate Instructions for Medical Examiners, Coroners and Prosecuting Attorneys," state:

If you know the decedent used [Washington State's law], you must comply with the strict requirements of the law when completing the death record:

1. The underlying terminal disease must be listed as the cause of death.
2. The manner of death must be marked as "Natural."
3. The cause of death section may not contain any language that indicates that [Washington's law] was used, such as:
  - a. Suicide
  - b. Assisted suicide
  - c. Physician-assisted suicide
  - d. Death with Dignity

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<sup>46</sup> RCW 70.245.040(2) and 180(1), available at <http://app.leg.wa.gov> (Excerpts can be viewed at A-78).

- e. I-1000 [Washington's law was passed by I-1000]
- f. Mercy killing
- g. Euthanasia
- h. Secobarbital or Seconal
- i. Pentobarbital or Nembutal (Emphasis added; spacing changed.)<sup>47</sup>

If Hawaii follows Washington State's example, death certificates will list a natural death without disclosing the actual cause of death simply because the act was "used." Perpetrators and other participants in a patient's death will be legally protected regardless of whether there was compliance with patient protections.

**E. Euthanasia Is Not Authorized, But Nonetheless Allowed**

The proposed act states:

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize a physician or any other person to end a patient's life by lethal injection, mercy killing, or active euthanasia.<sup>48</sup>

As noted above, however, the act also states:

Actions taken in accordance with this chapter shall not, for any purpose, constitute suicide, assisted suicide, mercy killing [euthanasia], or homicide. (Emphasis added).<sup>49</sup>

With this language, the act does not "authorize" euthanasia, also known as mercy killing, but nonetheless allows

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<sup>47</sup> Washington State Department of Health "Instructions for Medical Examiners, Coroners, and Prosecuting Attorneys: Compliance with the Death with Dignity Act." (Attached hereto at A-78).

<sup>48</sup> The act, Section 2, § - 17, attached at A-109.

<sup>49</sup> Id.



it when actions are taken in accordance with the act.

Euthanasia, also known as mercy killing, is in substance allowed under the proposed act.

**F. If Hawaii Follows Washington State, the Term, "Self-Administer," Will Allow Someone Else to Administer the Lethal Dose**

The act does not define "self-administer."<sup>50</sup> In Washington State, self-administration is defined as the "act of ingesting" the lethal dose. RCW 70.245.010(12) states:

"Self-administer" means a qualified patient's act of ingesting medication [the lethal dose] to end his or her life . . . (Emphasis added).

Washington's law and SB 1129 SD 1 do not define "ingest."

Dictionary definitions include:

[T]o take (food, drugs, etc.) into the body, as by swallowing, inhaling, or absorbing." (Emphasis added).<sup>51</sup>

With these definitions, someone else putting the lethal dose into a patient's mouth qualifies as proper administration because the patient will be "swallowing" the lethal dose, *i.e.*, "ingesting" it. Someone else placing a medication patch on the patient's arm will qualify because the patient will be "absorbing" the lethal dose, *i.e.*, "ingesting" it. Gas administration, similarly, will qualify because the patient will be "inhaling" the lethal dose,

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<sup>50</sup> See the proposed act in its entirety, beginning at A-101.

<sup>51</sup> Webster's New World College Dictionary, [www.yourdictionary.com/ingest](http://www.yourdictionary.com/ingest) (last visited May 28, 2010).

*i.e.*, "ingesting" it.

With self-administer defined as mere ingesting, someone else is allowed to administer the lethal dose to the patient.

**G. Allowing Someone Else to Administer the Lethal Dose Is Euthanasia**

Allowing someone else to administer the lethal dose to the patient is "euthanasia" under generally accepted medical terminology. The American Medical Association's Ethics Opinion 5.8 states:

Euthanasia is the administration of a lethal agent by another person to a patient . . .  
(Emphasis added).

Attached hereto at A-5.

**H. The Act Does Not Say That Administration of the Lethal Dose Must Be By Self-Administration**

The act describes a patient who "self-administers" the lethal dose and says that a patient "may" self-administer the lethal dose. There is no language in the act, however, that administration of the lethal dose "must" be by self-administration.<sup>52</sup> Once again, the act does not require self-administration of the lethal dose; euthanasia is allowed.

**I. The Act Does Not Require That Administration of the Lethal Dose Be Voluntary**

The proposed act does not require administration of the lethal dose to be voluntary. The act repeatedly describes a

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<sup>52</sup> See the proposed act in its entirety

request for the lethal dose in voluntary terms.<sup>53</sup> The issue, however, is whether administration of the lethal dose is required to be voluntary and on this point, the act is silent.<sup>54</sup>

The bill's preamble, which is not part of the act, implies voluntary administration.<sup>55</sup> But, the act itself, which is what matters, is silent on the subject. With no requirement in the act that administration of the lethal dose be voluntary, patients are not protected. The act must be rejected.

**J. If Hawaii Follows Oregon's Interpretation of "Not a Public Record," the Department of Health Will Be Insulated from Review, Even by Law Enforcement and Perhaps By the Legislature**

The proposed act charges the Department of Health with issuing an annual statistical report based on data collected pursuant to the act.<sup>56</sup> The act also states:

Except as otherwise required by law, the information collected shall not be a public record and may not be made available for inspection by the public. (Emphasis added).<sup>57</sup>

Oregon's law has an identical provision, as follows:

Except as otherwise required by law, the

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<sup>53</sup> See the act, Section 2, §§ -2, 3, 4, 5, 12 & 22. (Attached hereto, beginning at A-102)

<sup>54</sup> See the Act in its entirety, attached hereto at A-102 to A-116.

<sup>55</sup> See SB 1129 SD1, Section 1, at A-101 & A-102.

<sup>56</sup> SB 1129 SD1, Section 2, § -14(d). (Attached at A-108).

<sup>57</sup> Id., § -14(c).

information collected shall not be a public record and may not be made available for inspection by the public. (Emphasis added).<sup>58</sup>

In Oregon, this identical provision is interpreted to bar release of information about individual cases, to everyone, including law enforcement. Oregon's website states:

[T]he Act specifically states that information collected is not a public record and is not available for inspection by the public (ORS 127.865 (2)). The protection of confidentiality conferred by the Death with Dignity Act precludes the Oregon Health Authority [which oversees Oregon's Department of Health] from releasing information that identifies patients or participants, to the public, media, researchers, students, advocates, or other interested parties....<sup>59</sup>

Consider also this e-mail from Alicia Parkman, Mortality Research Analyst for the Oregon Health Authority, which states:

We have been contacted by law enforcement . . . in the past, but have not provided identifying information of any type. (Emphasis added).<sup>60</sup>

If Hawaii enacts the proposed act, which on this point is identical to Oregon's law, and follows Oregon's interpretation of "not a public record," there will be a similar lack of transparency in which even law enforcement will have no access to information about individual cases. Will the Legislature have

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<sup>58</sup> ORS 127.865 s.3.11 (Attached hereto at A-81)

<sup>59</sup> Oregon Data Release Policy, copy attached hereto at A-70.

<sup>60</sup> E-mail from Alicia Parkman to me, January 4, 2012, attached at A-63.

access? That would seem to be an open question.

**K. If Hawaii Follows Oregon's Data Collection Protocol, Patient Identities Will Not Be Recorded in Any Manner and Source Documentation Will Be Destroyed**

Oregon's website describes the data collection protocol for its annual reports, as follows:

The identity of participating physicians is coded, but the identity of individual patients is not recorded in any manner. Approximately one year from the publication of the Annual Report, all source documentation is destroyed. (Emphasis added).<sup>61</sup>

Alicia Parkman, Mortality Research Analyst for the Oregon Health Authority, makes a similar representation as follows:

To ensure confidentiality, our office does not maintain source information on participants. (Emphasis added).<sup>62</sup>

The significance is that Oregon's annual reports are unverifiable. If Hawaii, based on its identical statutory language, follows Oregon, Hawaii's annual reports will also be unverifiable.

**VII. COMPASSION & CHOICES**

Passage of the proposed act is being spearheaded by the suicide promotion group, Compassion & Choices. In Oregon, this organization has used Oregon's law to disable and largely

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<sup>61</sup> Oregon Health Authority, Frequently Asked Questions, attached at A-71.

<sup>62</sup> E-mail from Alicia Parkman to Margaret Dore, 01/04/12, attached hereto at A-63.

displace the Department of Health as the entity overseeing Oregon's law. See below.

**A. Compassion & Choices is the Former Hemlock Society; Its Mission Is to Promote Suicide**

Compassion & Choices was formed in 2004 as the result of a merger/takeover of two other organizations.<sup>63</sup> One of these organizations was the former Hemlock Society, originally formed by Derek Humphry.<sup>64</sup>

In 2011, Humphry was the keynote speaker at Compassion & Choices' annual meeting here in Washington State.<sup>65</sup> He was also in the news as a promoter of mail-order suicide kits.<sup>66</sup> This was after a depressed 29 year old man used one of the kits to kill himself.<sup>67</sup> Compassion & Choices' newsletter, promoting Humphry's presentation, references him as "the father of the modern

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<sup>63</sup> Ian Dowbiggin, A Concise History of Euthanasia 146 (2007) ("In 2003, [the] Hemlock [Society] changed its name to End-of-Life Choices, which merged with Compassion in Dying in 2004, to form Compassion & Choices."). Accord. Compassion & Choices Newsletter attached at A-128 and available at <https://choiceisanillusion.files.wordpress.com/2016/10/humphry-keynote.pdf>

<sup>64</sup> Id.

<sup>65</sup> Compassion & Choices Newsletter, regarding Humphry's October 22, 2011 speaking date, at <https://choiceisanillusion.files.wordpress.com/2016/10/humphry-keynote.pdf> (Attached hereto at A-128.)

<sup>66</sup> See Jack Moran, "Police kick in door in confusion over suicide kit," *The Register-Guard*, September 21, 2011 ("A spotlight was cast on the mail-order suicide kit business after a 29-year-old Eugene man committed suicide in December using a helium hood kit. The Register-Guard traced the \$60 kit to [the company, which] has no website and does no advertising; clients find [the] address through the writings of Humphry.") (Emphasis added). (Attached hereto at A-129 & A-130).

<sup>67</sup> Id.

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movement for choice."<sup>68</sup> Compassion & Choices' mission is to promote suicide.

**B. In Oregon, Compassion & Choices, a Non-Governmental Entity, has Largely Displaced the Department of Health as the Agency Overseeing Oregon's Law**

**1. In Oregon, Compassion & Choices is like "the fox in the proverbial chicken coop" reporting to the farmer what's happening in the coop**

In 2008, the Editorial Board for *The Oregonian*, which is Oregon's largest newspaper, urged Washington State voters to reject its then pending assisted suicide measure.<sup>69</sup> The Editorial Board stated:

Oregon's physician-assisted suicide program has not been sufficiently transparent. Essentially, a coterie of insiders run the program, with a handful of doctors and others deciding what the public may know. (Emphasis added).<sup>70</sup>

Four days later, Oregon doctors Stevens and Toffler published a follow up article agreeing with the Editorial Board.<sup>71</sup> They also stated:

The group promoting assisted suicide,

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<sup>68</sup> Compassion & Choices Newsletter, at A-128, <https://choiceisanillusion.files.wordpress.com/2016/10/humphry-keynote.pdf> .

<sup>69</sup> The Oregonian Editorial Board, "Washington state's assisted-suicide measure: Don't go there," *The Oregonian*, September 20, 2012, available at [http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2008/09/washington\\_states\\_assisted\\_suic.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2008/09/washington_states_assisted_suic.html)

<sup>70</sup> Id.

<sup>71</sup> Kenneth Stevens MD and William Toffler MD, "Assisted suicide: Conspiracy and control," *The Oregonian*, September 24, 2008. (Attached hereto at A-91).

so-called "Compassion and Choices (C&C)", are like the fox in the proverbial chicken coop; in this case the fox is reporting its version to the farmer regarding what is happening in the coop. . . .

In 2006, C&C's attorneys intimidated the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) to change to euphemisms in referring to Oregon's assisted suicide law. The limited DHS reports of assisted suicides is another indication of this organization's influence. Information that is damaging to the "good public image" of Oregon's assisted suicide law is hidden or glossed-over in the DHS reports. . . .<sup>72</sup>

**2. In Oregon, a police officer assigned to my client's case was not able to get information from the State of Oregon; he obtained it from Compassion & Choices.**

In 2010, I had client who wanted to know if his father had died under Oregon's Act. I referred him to an Oregon attorney, Isaac Jackson, who asked the police to investigate. Jackson's subsequent declaration describes how the officer was unable to get information from the State of Oregon. Jackson states:

The officer's report describes how he determined that the [father's] death was under Oregon's assisted suicide law due to records other than from the State of Oregon. (Emphasis added)<sup>73</sup>

I also read the officer's report. According to the report, Compassion & Choices provided the records necessary for the officer to determine that the decedent had, in fact, died under

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<sup>72</sup> Id.

<sup>73</sup> Isaac Jackson, Declaration of Testimony, ¶ 8, 09/18/12, at A-66.

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Oregon's law. The State had been unwilling to provide this information.

In Oregon, Compassion & Choices, a non-governmental entity, has largely displaced the Department of Health as the agency overseeing Oregon's law.

**C. Senator Jennifer Fielder on Compassion & Choices: "Beware of Vultures"**

In 2013, Montana State Senator Jennifer Fielder published an article titled "Beware of Vultures," discussing the motives of Compassion & Choices.<sup>74</sup> The article states:

I found myself wondering, "Where does all the lobby money come from?" If it really is about a few terminally ill people who might seek help ending their suffering, why was more money spent on promoting assisted suicide than any other issue in Montana?

Could it be that convincing an ill person to end his or her life early will help health insurance companies save a bundle on what would have been ongoing medical treatment? . . .

When considering the financial aspects of assisted suicide, it is clear that millions, maybe billions of dollars, are intertwined with the issue being marketed as "Compassion and Choices". Beware.<sup>75</sup>

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<sup>74</sup> Published as Communication from Your State Senator, "Beware of Vultures," by Montana State Senator Jennifer Fielder, Sanders County Ledger, <http://www.scledger.net>, page 2, 6-4-13 (Word processing version attached hereto at A-131 to A-132).

<sup>75</sup> Id.

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## VIII. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

### A. **The Swiss Study: Physician-Assisted Suicide Can Be Traumatic for Family Members**

In 2012, a European research study addressed trauma suffered by persons who witnessed legal physician-assisted suicide in Switzerland.<sup>76</sup> The study found that one out of five family members or friends present at an assisted suicide was traumatized. These people,

experienced full or sub-threshold PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) related to the loss of a close person through assisted suicide.<sup>77</sup>

### B. **My Clients Suffered Trauma in Oregon and Washington State**

In Oregon and Washington State, I have had two cases where there was trauma suffered in connection with legal assisted suicide.<sup>78</sup>

In the first case, one side of the family wanted my client's father to take the lethal dose, while the other side did not. The father spent the last months of his life caught in the middle and torn over whether or not he should kill himself. My client,

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<sup>76</sup> "Death by request in Switzerland: Posttraumatic stress disorder and complicated grief after witnessing assisted suicide," B. Wagner, J. Muller, A. Maercker; *European Psychiatry* 27 (2012) 542-546, available at <http://choiceisanillusion.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/family-members-traumatized-eur-psych-2012.pdf> (Cover page attached hereto at A-72)

<sup>77</sup> *Id.*, at A-72.

<sup>78</sup> To protect the privacy of the persons involved, I am not identifying which case occurred in which state.

his adult daughter, was severely traumatized. The father did not take the lethal dose and died a natural death.

In the other case, it's not clear that administration of the lethal dose was voluntary. My client was told that his father had two suicide parties: that at the first party, his father had refused to take the lethal dose; that at the second party, his father had ingested the lethal dose while intoxicated. The person who related this information later changed his story.

My client, although he was not present at the death, was traumatized over the incident, and also by the sudden loss of his father.

**C. In Oregon, Other Suicides Have Increased With Legalization of Physician-Assisted Suicide**

In Oregon, other (conventional) suicides have steadily increased with legalization of physician-assisted suicide. This is consistent with a suicide contagion in which the legalization of physician-assisted suicide has encouraged suicide generally. To learn more, please read my article attached hereto at A-131.<sup>79</sup>

**D. The Felony for Undue Influence Is Illusory and Unenforceable**

The act has a felony for undue influence, which is not defined and has no elements of proof. The proposed act states:

A person who coerces or exerts undue influence on a patient to request medication

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<sup>79</sup> For a more recent version, with attachments, go to this link:  
[http://www.choiceillusiondc.org/2017/01/in-oregon-other-suicides-have-increase-d\\_21.html](http://www.choiceillusiondc.org/2017/01/in-oregon-other-suicides-have-increase-d_21.html)

for the purpose of ending the patient's life,  
or to destroy a rescission of the request,  
shall be guilty of a class A felony.  
(Emphasis added).<sup>80</sup>

The act also allows the patient's heir to be one of two witnesses on the lethal drug request form.<sup>81</sup> In the context of a will, this situation can be used to prove undue influence.<sup>82</sup>

How do you prove that undue influence occurred when the act does not define it, and the act also allows conduct normally used to prove it? You can't. The felony for undue influence is illusory and unenforceable.

## **X. CONCLUSION**

Passing the amended act will encourage people with years, even decades, to live, to throw away their lives.

The proposed act is sold as completely voluntary, but does not even have a provision requiring administration of the lethal dose to be voluntary. Administration of the lethal dose is, regardless, allowed to occur in private without a doctor or witness present. If the patient objected or struggled, who would know?

Elder abuse is already a not well controlled problem. Passing the proposed act will make the situation worse, to

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<sup>80</sup> SB 1129 SD 1, Section 2, § -19, attached at A-112

<sup>81</sup> Id, § -22, attached hereto at A-114.

<sup>82</sup> See e.g., Washington State's probate statute: When one of two witnesses is a taker under the will, there is a rebuttal presumption that the taker/witness "procured the gift by duress, menace, fraud, or undue influence." (Attached hereto at A-87).

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effectively allow legal murder.

Physician-assisted suicide, even when voluntary, can be traumatic for patients and families. Passage will create a risk of suicide contagion. The proposed Oregon-style "oversight" is a sham and will create the opportunity for a non-governmental entity to displace the proper role of government.

For all of these reasons, I urge you to vote "No" on SB 1129 SD 1. Don't make Washington and Oregon's mistake. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted this 21<sup>th</sup> day of February 2017



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RE: HEARING on Wed. 2/28/2017 re: SB 1129

Testimony of Margaret Johnson, 45-817 Anoi Place, Kaneohe, HI opposing SB 1129

I am a retired attorney. I strongly oppose this bill. Calling it "Death with Dignity" is a misnomer and an attempt to give it some semblance of respect, but the name does not lend any virtue to the kind of practices it promotes. This proposed law is contrary to the most basic and fundamental law of this state. Hawai'i is unique among the 50 states and is known for its "aloha" spirit, a spirit of hospitality and kindness extended to life in all its manifestations. It is a spirit of life-giving, life-respecting, life-embracing and life-nourishing. It is not a spirit of death and death-dealing and death encouraging. This characteristic is so integral to this State and its people that "Aloha Spirit" is written into Hawai'i state law:

*"Aloha Spirit". (a) "Aloha Spirit" is the coordination of mind and heart within each person. It brings each person to the self. Each person must think and emote good feelings to others. In the contemplation and presence of the life force, "Aloha", the following unuhi laula loa may be used:*

*"Akahai", meaning kindness to be expressed with tenderness; "Lokahi", meaning unity, to be expressed with harmony;*

*"Oluolu", meaning agreeable, to be expressed with pleasantness;*

*"Haahaa", meaning humility, to be expressed with modesty;*

*"Ahonui", meaning patience, to be expressed with perseverance.*

*These are traits of character that express the charm, warmth and sincerity of Hawaii's people. It was the working philosophy of native Hawaiians and was presented as a gift to the people of Hawaii. "Aloha" is more than a word of greeting or farewell or a salutation. "Aloha" means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return. "Aloha" is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for collective existence. "Aloha" means to hear what is not said, to see what cannot be seen and to know the unknowable.*

*(b) In exercising their power on behalf of the people and in fulfillment of their responsibilities, obligations and service to the people, the legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, executive officers of each department, the chief justice, associate justices, and judges of the appellate, circuit, and district courts may contemplate and reside with the life force and give consideration to the "Aloha Spirit". Hawai'i Revised Statutes §5-7.5*

Queen Lili'uokalani, Hawai'i's last reigning monarch, reportedly described the true meaning of Aloha as follows:

*And wherever [the native Hawaiian] went he said 'Aloha' in meeting or in parting. 'Aloha' was a recognition of life in another. If there was life there was mana, goodness and wisdom, and if there was goodness and wisdom there was a god-quality. One had to recognize the 'god of life' in another before saying 'Aloha,' but this was easy. Life was everywhere - in the trees, the flowers, the ocean, the fish, the birds, the pili grass, the rainbow, the rock - in all the world was life--was god--was Aloha. Aloha in its gaiety, joy, happiness, abundance. Because of Aloha, one gave without thought of return; because of Aloha, one had mana. Aloha had its own mana. It never left the giver but flowed freely and continuously between giver and receiver. 'Aloha' could not be thoughtlessly or indiscriminately spoken, for it carried its own power. No Hawaiian could greet another with 'Aloha' unless he felt it in his own heart. If he felt anger or hate in his heart he had to cleanse himself before he said 'Aloha'.<sup>i</sup>*

Clearly, Aloha Spirit is a spirit which nurtures and cherishes life and it manifests itself in Hawaiian culture as true concern for and compassion with people of all ages, means and abilities. The monarchy of Hawaii which preceded Hawai'i's statehood was unique among monarchies in that it too lived out Aloha Spirit and showed genuine care and concern for the well being of all of Hawai'i's citizens. What is most beautiful and uniquely Hawaiian, what is part of State law, Aloha Spirit, is diminished and damaged by what this bill proposes to legalize. As legislators, you should be very cautious about legalizing killing in any form and certainly about legalizing a pro-death and anti-life law that has been rejected as dangerous and facilitating the abuse and killing of very vulnerable people by a host of professional, religious, abuse prevention and disability rights organizations including but not limited to :

Hawai'i's Partnership for Appropriate and Compassionate Care (HPACC)

**Hawaii Family Advocates**

**American Medical Association**

**American Psychiatric**

**American Nurses Association**

**American Association of People with Disabilities**

**American Disabled for Attendant Programs Today (ADAPT)**

**The Arc of the United States**

**Assemblies of God**

**Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living**

**Autistic Self Advocacy Network**

**Buddhists**

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon Church)**

**Disability Rights Center**

**Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund**

**Episcopal Church**

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

**Focus on the Family**

**Islam**

**Jewish Churches in America: All three major Jewish movements in the United States – Orthodox, Conservative and Reform**

**Justice for All**

**National Council on Disability**

**National Council on Independent Living**  
**National Organization of Nurses with Disabilities**  
**National Spinal Cord Injury Association**  
**Not Dead Yet Disability Rights Organization**  
**Seventh Day Adventists**  
**TASH [The Association for the Severely Handicapped]**  
**United Methodist Church**  
**United Spinal Association**  
**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**  
**World Association of Persons with Disabilities (WAPD)**  
**World Institute on Disability (WID)**

These are only some of the organizations that deal with those most affected by this kind of law, most of which, like me, strenuously oppose and object to this kind of bill becoming law. Before dragging Hawai'i into the immoral morass presented by this bill, check with any of these very reputable organizations. The Pew Research Center reviewed the position of Religious Groups on this issue, practically all of which are opposed<sup>ii</sup>. Many of them, such as Focus on the Family<sup>iii</sup>, and the U.S. Catholic Bishops Conference<sup>iv</sup> have very clearly delineated reasons for opposing this kind of bill.

Some of the reasons to defeat this bill<sup>v</sup> include:

1. It is contrary to State law which incorporates Aloha Spirit;
2. The "choice" it supposedly fosters is an illusion. As Sen. Ted Kennedy's widow pointed out in opposing similar proposed legislation in Massachusetts: it would turn her husband's "vision for health care for all on its head by asking us to endorse patient suicide – not patient care- as our public policy for dealing with pain and the financial burdens of care at the end of life. We're better than that."
3. It tells the elderly and disabled and dependent that their lives are without value, something Aloha Spirit would never allow.
4. It very dangerously crosses the line between caring [real compassion] and killing [immoral and criminal].
5. It provides a legal shield for abuse of the elderly and disabled.
6. It creates an avenue to pressure the vulnerable into believing they have a duty to die
7. There are better medical alternatives. It fails to treat the underlying depression from which most patients claiming a desire to die have been found to suffer.
8. It will destroy the trust relationship between patient and doctor and engender fear that instead of providing health care and healing to someone who is weak, vulnerable, and/or elderly, the physician may well be providing and wielding instruments of death.

Please consider these points and defeat this bill. I will be praying for you.

God bless you.

Margaret Johnson



Testimony of Margaret Johnson opposing SB 1129 on physician assisted suicide.

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<sup>i</sup> Source: Helena G. Allen, The Betrayal of Lili`uokalani, Last Queen of Hawaii, 1838-1917as reported at <http://www.maui-angels.com/aloha.html>

<sup>ii</sup> Pew Research Center *Religious Groups' Views on End-of-Life Issues*, <http://www.pewforum.org/2013/11/21/religious-groups-views-on-end-of-life-issues/>

<sup>iii</sup> <http://www.focusonthefamily.com/socialissues/life-issues/physician-assisted-suicide/reasons-to-oppose-physician-assisted-suicide>

<sup>iv</sup>U.S. Bishops' Policy Statement on Assisted Suicide and referenced information at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/assisted-suicide/to-live-each-day/index.cfm>

<sup>v</sup> Many of these statements are included in the article noted in Endnote iii at the Focus on the Family website.

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My dear friends, I urge you to support this very important bill. I am now in my 20th year as a spinal cord injured paraplegic dealing with severe pain and incontinence 24/7. In addition I have had cancer twice during these twenty years, suffered through four broken leg episodes and a variety of other ailments. As I age, I am now 71, I dread what more may lay in store for me. I have already discussed with my family the possibility of going to Oregon should my cancer recur as I will not suffer through another round of treatment. After 20 years of dealing with all this I look forward to a dignified death and not one that is dragged out miserably with tubes coming out of every orifice.

I plead with you to grant me the opportunity for a dignified death should I need it. But, of course, who knows? I could be run down in a crosswalk by a driver talking on their cell phone...!

Thank you my dear legislators for agreeing to serve the people of this great state of Hawaii. Mahalo.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Maria Walker	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I support SB1129 and urge your committee to support it as well. In the last few years i have had multiple friends suffer a prolonged and painful end of life, all of whom wished there was a medical alternative to waiting to die, or ceasing to eat and drink in the hope of hastening their death. This is an important alternative that many people would choose if they could safely, and with the support of their families and physicians. Sincerely, Maria Walker PO Box 33 Kapaa, HI 96746

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I am writing to support the **Death with Dignity Act, Senate Bill 1129 SD 1, Hawaii's proposed medical aid in dying legislation.**

Medical aid in dying, which some people refer to as death with dignity, is a safe and trusted medical practice for which a terminally ill, mentally capable person who has a prognosis of six months or less to live, has the option to request from his/her doctor a prescription for medication which he or she can choose to self-administer through ingestion to peacefully shorten an unbearable dying process.

I watched my sister who was dying from ovarian cancer, beg for this and cried with her when the doctor was unable to help her. Please support this bill and give peace of mind and comfort to the many who need your help now in shortening a dreadful dying process and for those who will need it in the future. It could be you or a loved one who will need this comfort in the years ahead.

If you do not support this bill, you are allowing religious groups to impose their beliefs on all of us. They may not agree with this bill but they should stand aside and allow it to pass.

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Marion McHenry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a volunteer for Hospice and in the community on Kauai, I strongly support this bill.

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Aloha Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee,

My name is Marion Poirier, and I am in STRONG SUPPORT of S.B. 1129. As a career Registered Nurse, I have had multiple experiences that bring me to this conclusion.

I maintain that the safeguards are appropriate, and it is billed as an option. Please do not let people who would not use this option because of religious or ideological convictions interfere with the individual rights of others.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Marion Poirier  
From my iPad

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
marjorie erway	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I hope you will fully support this bill and get it out of Committee and onto the full Senate. Time for serious discussion and hopefully, passing of this bill. Mahalo for your consideration.

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**From:** [Clark, Mark](#)  
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Aloha - I am asking you to vote NO on Senate Bill 1129. The more I read about the issue, the more convinced I am that assisted suicide is not what we want in Hawaii. Please table this bill.

Mahalo for your service to the community.

Mark Clark

**From:** [Marsha Curnyn](#)  
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**Subject:** Hawaii Medical Aid in Dying Act  
**Date:** Sunday, February 26, 2017 5:00:03 PM

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I would like to encourage the committee to pass this legislation on to the Senate for approval. I have watched a number of people die slowly with much pain. My mom died of lung cancer, my dad died of cirrhosis, and a dear friend died of bone and brain cancer. If a person has no chance of survival, I believe they should be allowed to die with dignity. Not only does the patient suffer, but the family suffers right along with them. There is such a feeling of helplessness watching someone you love slowly slip away and suffer, knowing there is NOTHING you can do.

Personally, I have made the decision not to have any more abdominal surgeries, even in emergency situations that would cost me my life. I have had multiple abdominal surgeries and I have been told by at least 3 surgeons that it would be a disaster to operate again. I know my quality of life would be greatly diminished and much would be required just to keep me going. I am held together by adhesions and staples. I have short bowel syndrome because of an ileostomy and creation of a neobladder due to bladder cancer. This syndrome puts me at risk for intestinal blockages which would normally be addressed with surgery. I had a complete intestinal obstruction about 7 years ago and, fortunately, my bowel started to move on its own after 6 days of misery in the hospital. If that situation were to occur again, I would like to have the option to have enough pain medicine to let me pass away if my body did not take care of the problem on its own.

Please put yourself in my situation or the situation of many others suffering slow certain death. We put our beloved pets down but we don't allow our fellow human beings the same kindness. This should change. Please take a stand!

Thank you.

**From:** [Martha Martin](#)  
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**Subject:** Supportive testimony for SB1129SD1  
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Please pass a bill this year to allow a choice for a voluntary death to the terminally ill.

Most of the Hawaii voters wish to have this legal choice, and so do I.

Five other states have already legalized this.

In my 84 years I have seen family members and friends die. Different parts of our bodies wear out at different times before death finally happens. Medicine is able to help some die peacefully, but others have unrelieved suffering and would like a choice to skip further suffering.

This bill would only effect people who request it, and no patients, medical doctors or nurses would be forced to do it.

Even if you are personally opposed to this, please legalize this for me and the many others who want a choice in timing their death.

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Sent from my iPad

TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
Committee Members

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2017  
TIME: 11:30am  
PLACE: Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

FROM: Marti Tom

RE: SB 1129, SD 1 Relating to Health (Aid in Dying)

I strongly oppose this bill for the following reasons:

1) It devalues human life, plain and simple. The bill teaches our children and tells our families that it is redefining the meaning of suicide and normalizing the taking of one's own life. Popo's life is no longer important because she has an arbitrary shelf life of six months.

2) There are no such things as safeguards when it involves health care individuals and families. How does the bill protect an individual from coercion? This can come in the form of subtle hints like, "Hey Popo, you're getting old, we can't take care of you too much longer in your condition." Is any doctor or social worker going to be privy to this? Elder abuse takes many forms and this bill has just added another. Furthermore, the patient doesn't even have to be elderly; maybe poor, disabled, or just plain unwanted.

3) The bill turns our culture on its head. We take care of our loved ones and nurture them through the good times, as well as the bad. Now, the shift will be towards ending one's life rather than walking through the valleys with them. I would hate to think that a family member died alone since the bill says the patient has the option of NOT notifying anyone. Wouldn't you hate to come home and find your beloved in the throes of death and not know what is happening?

4) The bill is misleading as it refers to taking a person's life in a "humane and dignified manner". How can taking your own life with a concoction of pills be described in this manner? There is no dignity in taking at least three hours to die, as it points out. Any witness is prevented from intervening and has to watch this slow agonizing death. Where is the humanity? Where is the dignity?

5) This legislation changes the role of doctors and the trust we have in them. Will we be soon turning out a new generation of medical students who are taught just the opposite of what doctors were truly meant to be? Will there be a course in "How to Choose the Best Medication to End Your Patient's Life"?

I strongly urge you not to pass this bill. Devaluing life and changing what it means to really have compassion is to change the meaning of life for generations to come. This is a deadly quagmire and can lead this state to slipping into depths it has not imagined. Can euthanasia be far behind? Whatever happened to "Do No Harm"?

Thank you for your consideration.

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Mary Boland	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary Smart	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The people of Hawaii do not want their doctors or any medical professionals prescribing substances that are intended to end life, not save it. There are better solutions. There are no safeguards once the pills are distributed. The pills may not be used as intended. This is very dangerous. Although Oregon is mentioned as a "success", those who have studied the process know that it is impossible to research the cases thoroughly. Do not bring this program to Hawaii. The advocates are mostly people from outside the state who have spent a lot of money to promote this cause. It would have been far better if those funds were spent on improving health care in Hawaii. There are so many programs to alleviate pain -- death is not the solution. The one local individual who is the Hawaii "advocate" should not be the momentum for changing the law. He has options which do not impact the rest of us. Please do not pass SB 1129 out of committee. Thank you for considering my concerns.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Matt Binder	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Senators, I recently had a very horrifying experience with an elderly family member. She was in extreme pain but, because of her state's laws, her only option to legally kill herself was to starve herself to death. This is not right. It was a long, painful process that was agonizing for her and her friends and family. It is not until you are in this type of situation yourself that you begin to see all the roadblocks and complexities. If you help the person die peacefully you can be prosecuted, as many people have been. Before this experience, I thought it was just a matter of a person getting sleeping pills or pain pills and taking a large dose, but it turns out that this usually results in a failed suicide and causes worse problems because of toxic effects from the overdose. Other common methods are even more grotesque. There are a few states that currently allow terminally ill people to get prescriptions for the only drug that really works - barbituates - so that they can die quickly, peacefully, and without pain. I urge the state legislature to add Hawaii to the list of states that treat its terminally ill patients with dignity and compassion by allowing them to die on their own terms. Thank you, Matt Binder, Waimea

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### Seven Myths About Assisted Suicide

Myth #1. An assisted suicide law protects important patient rights.

The truth:

*These laws offers no new protection and create no new rights. Patients already control their own lives. They already have the right to end their own lives in every state. Instead of protecting patients, these laws protect doctors involved in patient death by legalizing lethal medication, concealing the fact of suicide, and blocking investigation. Allowing doctors to bring death to patients has been unheard of for almost all of the history of medicine – until Germany in the 1930s first authorized doctors to kill patients.*

Myth #2. The people of Hawaii are clamoring for this law.

The truth:

*The only clamor for assisted suicide laws comes from Compassion and Choices, an out-of-state organization that spends millions of dollars to promote these laws. This organization hands the legislators its own law designed to protect doctors involved in patient death, assigns itself as guardian of the law once passed, and encourages patients to see its own doctors, whose records are not public. Neither the organization nor its actions are subject to public scrutiny. All laws passed in other states have identical characteristics, as all are written by the same organization. These laws provide little actual patient protection. The “safeguards” are illusory, the reporting requirements almost meaningless*

Myth #3. Suffering patients need this law.

The truth:

*Suffering patients in Hawaii have access to palliative care and pain relief. Patients who are terminally ill have access to hospice care in addition. Patients do not need to die early in order to end suffering in Hawaii.  
Even in Oregon, suffering is a rarely-cited reason for wanting to die. Only one-fourth of the people asking to die mention pain fear of pain as a reason. The law itself does not mention suffering at all.*

Myth #4. Surveys prove that 80% of the people in Hawaii want this law.

The truth:

*Surveys are conducted by people with something to prove, and often are put together by marketers skilled at asking questions in a way that gets the answers they want. In fact, nobody has actually conducted a meaningful survey in Hawaii. A survey conducted after serious and truthful debate about issues and realities might yield very different results.*

Myth #5. Oregon has had an assisted suicide law for almost 20 years. This proves it's OK.

The truth:

*Actually, this probably proves that the Oregon record-keeping is meaningless. No human endeavor involving sickness and death operates for 20 years without abuse, fraud, complications, and difficulty. Oregon's records were deliberately set up by the organization to conceal problems, and they have done so for 20 years.*



*Neil Gorsuch said in 2006, “Oregon’s regulations are crafted in ways that make reliable data ... difficult to obtain. It is unclear whether ... Oregon’s experiment will ever be able to provide the sort of guidance needed and wanted by other jurisdictions...”*

Myth #6. Your doctor can prescribe “the pill” so you can die with dignity when you choose.

The truth:

*There is no such pill. The medication prescribed for assisted suicide consists of 90 capsules of bitter powder. These capsules must be opened, dumped into a bowl and mixed with some fluid to make the mix drinkable. The medication must be taken quickly, in order not to fall asleep while trying to get it down. People sometimes vomit, sometimes breathe it into their lungs, sometimes gasp and choke. Death is not dependable. The drugs have taken as long as 4 days to work, and a few patients in Oregon have wakened up without dying at all.*

Myth #7. Doctors should be allowed to provide medication so patients can die when they want.

The truth:

*Hawaii emphasizes living life fully, and the state puts considerable effort into helping people who are thinking about taking their own lives. Doctors devote their entire professional lives to helping people live the best lives possible.*

*How strange to consider a law that protects doctors who deliberately end life. This creates doctors who bring death rather than doctors who revere and preserve life. Nobody in this state, including the government, has the right to kill. Doctors, of all people, should never do so.*

Michael H Plumer, MD, MBA, HMDC  
Kauai

(Dr. Plumer is board certified in hospice medicine and anesthesiology, with a graduate certificate in healthcare ethics, and practices on Kauai)

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Tada	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: I stand in opposition to SB1129. As a person with Cerebral Palsy, this bill is truly scary. Not only does this violate a doctor's Hippocratic Oath, but it gives an okay to abuse drugs, just as long as it is used to help a HUMAN BEING end their life. I find that reprehensible. With all the advances in medical science that has been made, there is no need for these types of bills. I humbly ask you not to pass this bill. Thank You for your time.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mike Golojuch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB1129.

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Aloha,

Please support SB1129. People need to have the right to make their own choices for medical aid in dying. I fully support this legislation. I don't think people should have to move to another state and declare residency in order to make these choices for themselves. Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Hartley

**From:** [Michael Tada](#)  
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My name is Michael Tada and I ask you not to pass SB 1129. Doctors are here to save lives, not help people commit suicide. This bill leads to a disregard for the contributions made by our elderly and disability communities. I humbly ask that this bill not pass. Mahalo!

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
mildred ng	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Too many elderly suffer needlessly. These individuals should be given the choice to receive medical care to assist them should they choose to go peacefully and with dignity. Thank you.

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My wife Gloria and I are highly in support of this measure.

Milton and Gloria Staackmann



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Miriam Hellreich	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

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I believe we should have a say in our end of life having seen it with all my parents suffering and knowing there was little I could do to relieve their situation which they would have preferred. Thank you, Nancy Pechner, Haiku, HI

**From:** [nedra](#)  
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Dear Members of the House of Representatives and State Senate,

I'm writing to support HB 201. I know it's a complicated and controversial bill, but I have many reasons to support it.

- . Moral and ethical: This is a bill designed to ease human suffering when there are no other options.
- . Medical: the bill calls for a patient of sound mind, an attending physician, and a prognosis that offers no hope of survival. This will ease the burdens of family and loved ones, the overtaxed medical system and the patient who's suffering.
- . Practical: Having seen what my own family and friends have had to endure, it makes sense to allow a humane and conscious way of dying when all the legal requirements, which are covered by this bill, are met. I am a baby boomer, and we are all aging en masse in the midst of a physician exodus and rapid escalation of prescription medicine; we want reassurance that we will have some say, some control, when our lives are hanging in the balance. Please don't force us to leave the state if and when we face this challenge.

In addition to taking care of my mother, who lived to be 99-years-old and who suffered immeasurably in her final days, I had two close friends who died within 18 months of each other. He was the first to be diagnosed with cancer. She took care of him throughout her own battle with cancer, saw him through his death, and died a year and a half after him. This is what she said to me while cancer painfully coursed through her withering and weak body and she wanted it to be over, "It's so HARD to die!"

My father also suffered a painful death from cancer. He said, "No one should have to suffer like this."

My aunt ended her painful, prolonged battle with cancer by hanging herself on the driveway gate.

I realize this bill is controversial and there will be strong opposition. But as with legalized abortion and same-sex marriage, it takes courage and strength to stand up for what is right, and it will only be a matter of time before death with dignity is accepted as a national standard. This may not be the year it's passed, but a healthy and supportive discussion would be a great start to what I feel is inevitable.

I hope you will consider and move forward HB 201.

Respectfully submitted,

Nedra Chung

Honolulu 96826



**From:** [Nicole Harrison](#)  
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No one benefits from a long, painful, illness that results in death except the pharmaceutical companies, doctors, paid caregivers, care home owners and hospitals. Last November I went on an emergency visit to see my step-mom diagnosed with stage 4 kidney failure. During my daily visits to her care home with my father, we watched her suffer as her body shut down and listened to her screams of pain. My father lovingly wiped her then raw mouth when she could no longer eat or drink and AIDS changed her when she soiled herself repeatedly . The family gathered as we watched her skin begin to rot and sat back helplessly as we watched it happen . Her skin became so swollen that the flesh on her arm burst and flooded the bed she slept on. We put our animals out of their misery when the quality of there lives is so compromised that their pain is seen in their eyes yet we allow our fellow human beings to suffer needlessly because of antiquated laws that prohibit doctors to assist in death decisions of patients. This needs to be changed. We will all die some day and while the myth of dying peacefully in our sleep may be something that brings us comfort- that may not be the case for us. Please unburden those who wish to go comfortably rather than unbearably into death by allowing physician assisted death . May no more families ever have to watch & remember a loved ones last days being pain filled as they watch helplessly.

Sent from my iPad

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To: Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Norma Nichols

My cousin was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease; placed where he could be cared for; later developed Alzheimers.

He has not made out his POLST / Living Will / Directive. He now, not of sound mind, cannot make this decision. The family wishes for him to have Death With Dignity. At present, there is no provision for him to have Death With Dignity. While it is not the desire of the family, nor would it not have been the decision of my cousin, he will live out his life as a ward of the State under the rules of the State. We want this to Not happen to others.

Most Sincerely,  
Norma Nichols



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### Testimony in strong support of SB 1129 SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

February 28, 2017, 11:30 a.m., State Capitol, Conference Room 016

To: Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agarab, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor Members

From: Beatrice Ramos-Razon, RN, FACDA  
President, Nursing Advocates and Mentors, Inc.

Subject: Establishes a medical aid in dying act that establishes a regulatory process under which an adult resident of the State with a medically confirmed terminal disease may obtain a prescription for medication to be self-administered to end the patient's life. (SD1)

My name is Beatrice Ramos-Razon. As the founder and president of NAMI (Nursing Advocates & Mentors, Inc.), I am humbled to submit our strong support for this bill. NAMI's membership is comprised of over 75 volunteer nurses, instructors, allied health care professionals, and Filipino leaders, who are dedicated to improve the health of Hawai'i's people through education, mentoring, advocacy and service.

As a registered voter and constituent in District 32, Salt Lake, and as a nurse, my nursing colleagues and I have personally seen the pain and suffering of countless patients, including loved ones of friends and my own family. We uphold the diverse religious beliefs and views of all people, while at the same time respect that the personal decisions of end of life are a private matter, best left to patients and their doctors. This bill will be a great help, because it empowers people with a compassionate choice. This added option offers peace of mind, should a patient feel it is needed. At least 80 percent of Hawai'i residents polled agree.

Thank you for hearing this bill and for the opportunity to submit testimony to encourage this bill's passage.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Ramos Razon, RN, FACDA, President  
Nursing Advocates and Mentors, Inc.

**From:** [OLAMANA ANUENUE](#)  
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I feel it is sick for humans to care more about our pets and animals in general and to allow humans to suffer needlessly for some (moral) issues some have. To be able to go before suffering is unbearable is the only way that seems sane to me. All else seems sick and needless.  
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P Kuromoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strongly support this compassionate, sensible concept. Today's medicine can keep people alive far beyond the limits of quality of life.

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Honorable Legislators and Committee Members,

I am testifying in support of Senate Bill 1129 to authorize medical aid in dying in Hawaii because I firmly believe it is the right of an individual who is terminally ill to be in control of how and when they die.

As patients with an advanced, irreversible illness near the end of life, symptoms accumulate that are progressively more difficult to manage and that may become refractory to standard medical interventions. In other words, more medical treatment isn't always appropriate or helpful. And simply because our technology has advanced to the point that we can keep people alive, doesn't mean it is not their time to die.

In the state of Oregon, where the 1997 Death with Dignity Act legalized assisted dying, only 60% of people who get a lethal prescription actually use it. It is suggested that the knowledge that assisted dying is available may itself aid wellbeing and reassurance (of the facility to control death). Personally, I am currently witnessing the distress that not having this option creates for a friend diagnosed with advanced neck cancer and facing a disease process that will likely involve the loss of autonomy, loss of pleasure, the loss of dignity, and serious pain and suffering.

In addition to the enormous stress of her illness and the impending losses, she is also faced with the reality that to have control over her own dying process would require a move to the mainland where medical aid in dying is available. She would have to leave her home in Hawaii and all of her support, family, and friends, in order to be treated with the humanity and dignity she deserves. The State of Hawaii should not impose this burden on a dying individual. It is cruel.

Previously, I have had the honor to support two individuals, one a good friend, the other my father, in their choice to stop kidney dialysis, which would result in their death within days. They were fortunate, their disease process allotted them a relatively comfortable way to transition out of their bodies, and not be consumed by suffering in the last days

with loved ones. But some are not so fortunate. Some disease processes, such as cancer, will cause great suffering for the patient and their loved ones if they are not afforded medical aid in dying.

Medical aid in dying, at its heart, is reverence for life, for death *is* a part of life, and medical aid in dying is treating death with dignity. Individuals seeking medical aid in dying do not *want* to die, they are not suicidal. Rather, they humbly acknowledge that it is their *time* to die. They are choosing to live their dying process consciously, with awareness. For an individual to approach death in this manner indicates maturity and a deep self-awareness. We should not infantilize the dying person by taking choice away, and making decisions about their dying process for them. Their courage and wisdom should be respected and honored, not thwarted. We help people in to this world, surely we can compassionately help them out, if this is their choice.

Individuals fundamentally have the right to self-determination. We have the right to control our own lives. Dying is a part of life, and it follows that we all fundamentally have the right to manage our dying process.

Lastly, given the current political trajectory of the Federal government to rescind human rights, it is imperative that Hawaii act now to decisively enact legislation that will protect human rights by giving all citizens of our Aloha State access to medical aid in dying. We cannot afford to wait.

Respectfully submitted,

Padmani Brown

February 24, 2017

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
And Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
City & County of Honolulu  
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Re: Testimony in support of SB 1129 SD1, Death with Dignity Act

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and Committee Members,

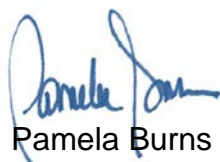
Thank you for the opportunity to provide my strong support for SB 1129 SD1, Hawaii's proposed medical aid in dying legislation.

Medical aid in dying is a safe and trusted medical practice for which a terminally ill, mentally capable person who has a prognosis of six months or less to live, has the option to request from his/her doctor a prescription for medication which he or she can choose to self-administer through ingestion to peacefully shorten an unbearable dying process.

The people of Hawaii, together with their families and their doctors, should have the option to make the end-of-life decisions that are right for them in the final stages of a terminal illness so they can put an end to their dying process painlessly and peacefully. SB 1129 SD1 would give those who are dying this important option to provide them relief from extreme pain.

I wholeheartedly support SB 1129 SD1 and hope that you will pass this bill. Passing this legislation is the most compassionate action to take as it would support the rights of terminally ill individuals and allow them to have the full range of care options to make end-of-life decisions that most align with their values for a peaceful death.

Thank you for your consideration.



Pamela Burns  
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25 years ago on Valentine's day my mother passed away after suffering the heinous effects of ALS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, watching her loose control over her bodily functions while her mind remained fully aware was almost more than I could bear. She couldn't communicate, she couldn't eat, she couldn't walk, she couldn't do anything that the rest of us take for granted. She watched the grandfather clock tick and waited for a miracle that never happened. Not everyone can have the amazing mind of Stephen Hawkins, and I think even, with his wonderful mind, living with ALS must wear on him as it did on my mother. Personally, I wouldn't be able to do it and the fear of this or something similar has made me plan for whatever the future might hold for me and how I might escape if I needed to. Please support the bill for medical aid in dying and I will give up my escape route because I have many fears that my plan might backfire and I would be in a worse situation. If I need to do this for a fatal tragic illness with no hope of recovery I would want to be successful. I have survived cancer and so far I personally have not had to be faced with this decision, please allow me to succeed if I needed to. Please support this bill. Please because if I ever need to, I will and by not passing this bill you put myself and others in a hard situation, we welcome the safeguards that this legislation would bring. aloha and peace to you.

Pamela G. Lichty, MPH

TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor

RE: SB 1129, SD1 - **In Strong Support**

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2017; 11:30 a.m.

Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and members of the Committee. Thank you very much for hearing this bill today. As a long time public health advocate in Hawai`i and member of the ACLU of Hawaii Board of Directors, I strongly support this bill.

SB 1129 would preserve and strengthen the individual autonomy of a terminally ill person. This form of decision-making about the means and time of death is a legitimate extension of the right of control over one's own body.

We understand that this measure contains all the safeguards and prohibitions contained in the Oregon law which has been in effect for almost 20 years. There is no evidence that that law has been abused. Indeed, in a state with a far larger population than Hawai`i, the number of terminally ill people who have chosen to terminate their lives under this law since 1997 remains small. Many terminally ill persons who have obtained medication to potentially end their life have chosen not to use it. **They are comforted by merely having the option available to them.**

And this is the point. At the last stage of their life they have re-gained control of their life. They have a choice as to when to or whether to end their time on earth. Literally, this is the ultimate in human rights.

Strong public support for the law in Oregon was demonstrated by the fact that it passed a public referendum twice, after being legally challenged. Poll results in Hawai`i show equally strong support of more than 80% of registered voters. The results, interestingly, do not vary significantly across religious, political or cultural lines.

We hear the argument that improved pain medication has reduced the possibility of people suffering painful and lingering death. Sadly this is not always the case. Pain management in Hawai`i remains problematic because physicians still fear lawsuits and the possibility of losing their prescriptive privileges or incurring higher insurance premiums if they are charged with overmedicating individuals near death who are suffering intractable pain.

In short, we urge this committee to have the courage to pass this forward thinking legislation which would guarantee that we can all have control over the quality of our last days or months of life. Thank you again for hearing this bill and for the opportunity to testify.

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I am not terminally ill. I have been exposed to the anguish and psychic pain of powerlessness as friends and family waited to die, often over-sedated, because that is what is currently allowed. Might they have asked for less sedation if they felt more hopeful because they had a choice? I would want the choice of how, when and where to die, surrounded by friends and family who have had time to say goodbye knowing the choice was mine. I think there is immense freedom when we can legally make such a very personal and private decision. Please keep the separation of church and state by voting to pass SB 1129. I wish we treated dying with more acceptance, dignity and openness. I wish we would really listen to those who are terminally ill and want to be able to choose when and how to die.

Please pass SB 1129

Thank you,  
Pandy Ching

**From:** [Pat Rinearson](#)  
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Please vote to allow this. It is not the governments place to decide what I can or cannot do with my body. I don't know that I would use this method, but I should have the option. I don't do marijuana, but I should be able to, if I wanted, without the government involving itself in my choice of what I do with my own body.

Thank you for listening,  
Patrick Rinearson

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Chair Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Senator Karl Rhoads  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF S.B. 1129 WITH SUGGESTED CHANGES**

I write to offer my support with suggested changes for S.B. 1129 respectfully requesting this Committee to **replace the phrase “terminal disease” with “grievous and irremediable medical condition”**.

While the proposed legislation is a step forward and will assist some individuals, it's reach does not extend far enough. For example, many individuals who suffer from debilitating neurological disorders such Alzheimer's Disease, Huntington's Disease, and Parkinson's Disease will be unable to benefit from the proposed compassionate protections.

For 7 years, I provided care for my mother following her diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease. When Mom's condition transitioned to an advanced stage, she moved to a long-term care nursing facility. For the next 3 years, I helplessly witnessed her gradual decline to a vegetative state and ultimate death. My maternal Grandmother and Aunt both suffered from the same slow, cruel disease for which there is no cure.

Many of us who witness the long-term suffering imposed by degenerative neurological diseases do not wish to endure similar suffering. Others fear the loss of cognition and the total dependency wrought by these diseases.

The language I propose is excerpted from Canada's newly passed legislation which defines **grievous irremediable medical condition** as follows:

**“Grievous irremediable medical condition” means a serious and incurable illness, disease or disability which cannot be reversed and which causes enduring physical or psychological suffering that is intolerable to the individual and cannot be relieved under conditions that the individual considers acceptable.**

In the absence of the proposed change, many individuals riding the Gray Tsunami will take their own lives, often under horrendous circumstances. They will also be compelled to forego the comfort of family during their last moments, knowing their loved ones could be prosecuted under Hawaii's manslaughter laws.

By extending the reach of the current legislative proposal, this Legislature has an opportunity to express compassion by offering medical aid in dying to residents facing grievous and irremediable suffering.

Thank you for your consideration,

Patricia McManaman

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Paul Freeman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB1129 because I want the option to end my life peacefully if I have been diagnosed with and am suffering from a terminal illness.

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Testimony for JDL on Feb 28, 2017 11:30AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Paul Klink	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I greatly support this. Mahalo! Live Aloha, Paul Klink

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**Date:** Friday, February 24, 2017 12:59:34 PM

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To Whom it may Concern:

I support SB 1129 SD 1 - Medical Aid in Dying.

I have lost many friends due to very debilitating diseases such as massive stroke, kidney failure, Alzheimer's and cancer. All suffered terribly in the many months before their bodies shut down. They all wished for some alternate method to end their lives. Families suffered as well, experiencing great heartache with their loved one.

I personally believe there is great need for a physician guided "end of life" procedure. I ask our legislators to pass this compassionate bill.

Paul Wrege

**From:** [photonxx@aol.com](mailto:photonxx@aol.com)  
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Doctors treat patients, not kill them! Doctors can palliate symptoms; we do not need to kill sick patients because we are unable to cure them! I oppose suicide of patients and am even more against doctors assisting with suicide.

Don't pass assisted suicide bill SB1129.

Paul A. DeMare, M.D., FACR, FACRO  
Radiation Oncologist  
cell 808-284-5894

**Date:** February 27, 2017

**To:** Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads  
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

**From:** Paulette Vernay

**Re:** I am **STRONGLY OPPOSED** to SB 1129 SD 1 because it is based on erroneous polling information.

Compassion and Choices claims 80% of Hawaii's votes are in favor of physician-assisted suicide. This is not true. A closer look at the actual survey questions, posted online by Compassion and Choices, reveals the truth.

Here is the actual question asked of respondents:

*When a mentally capable adult is dying of a terminal disease that cannot be cured, do you think that this adult should have the legal option to request prescription medicine from their doctor, and use that medication to end their suffering in their final stages of dying?*

Who would not agree to a question like this? No one wants to suffer in their final stages of dying, but this question does not specifically ask about physician-assisted suicide. Hospice and palliative care, which are now readily accessible and legal, also alleviate pain and suffering for those who terminally ill.

This is the kind of deftly crafted polls that are being promulgated by Compassion and Choices to intentionally mislead the public.

I pray that the Committee members would not succumb to fake polls and listen to what Hawaii's people really want.

God bless you and give you wisdom as you lead our state.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Peter Muthard MD Intensivist MMMC	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: As an intensivist in the ICU I would like you to stop this bill. Currently patients have the choice to refuse or accept treatment. Treatment is the word; not death. When an easy answer is provided people stop wrestling with the difficult. We need to expand access to palliative care and hospice before we even consider this legislation. The doctor is forced to be complicit. As are the pharmacist, nurses and others who may not agree that killing the patient supercedes killing the pain. Many people live years longer than their prognosis-we know this. Many families have some not so positive reasons for wishing the patient to die. Please don't move this bill, this year. Let's see how California plays out first. The conscience issue is in active conflict right now.

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Testimony in strong support of SB 1129 SD1  
RELATING TO HEALTH  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
February 28, 2017, 11:30 a.m., State Capitol, Conference Room 016

To: Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor Members  
From: Pua Auyong-White, pua888@yahoo.com

**Subject:** Establishes a medical aid in dying act that establishes a regulatory process under which an adult resident of the State with a medically confirmed terminal disease may obtain a prescription for medication to be self-administered to end the patient's life. (SD1)

I would like to encourage the committee to support this senate bill that will allow the people of Hawaii to be given the choice to obtain a prescription to be self administered to end one's life. Although, at this point in time, I cannot provide a definitive answer as to whether I would choose this option, but I am sure that I would want to have this choice. Its been shown through many surveys nationally that 80% of those responding would like to have this option – religion, race, gender and economic standing, bared in influence in supporting this process.

Speaking from experience in caring for a dying loved one, if this option were available, they would have chosen this medication. When you see a family member suffering from extreme pain and they are asking you to help them end this unbelievable discomfort, it would have been a more loving and caring way, for them to die. If I could choose to die, knowing that I could share my last moments with those who care and love me, the journey could be much sweeter.

Please consider supporting this bill..Thank you for your consideration!

**From:** [R Caplett](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** I support SB 1129  
**Date:** Monday, February 27, 2017 11:00:25 AM

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I support Hawai'i Medical Aid in Dying Act (SB 1129).

Sincerely

Richard Caplett

**From:** [Ann and Dougal Crowe](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Medical Aid in Dying Act  
**Date:** Friday, February 24, 2017 3:56:02 PM

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Please vote in favor of this bill, which would legalize a safe and humane method to avoid pain and suffering for those with a terminal illness.

R. Dougal Crowe



92-954 Makakilo Dr. #71, Kapolei, HI 96707 Email: RainbowFamily808@gmail.com Ph: (808) 779-9078 Fax: (808) 672-6347

DATE: February 23, 2017

RE: SB1129 Relating to Health: Terminally Ill Adults' Choices **STRONG SUPPORT**

TO: Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee Hearing

Aloha Senators Keith-Agaran, Ford and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to **STRONGLY SUPPORT** SB 1129 relating to Terminally Ill Adult Choices at End of Life. Rainbow Family 808 is a support and resource organization that focuses on reaching out to all families in love, support and advocacy.

Rainbow Family 808 sees SB 1129 as an important choice for Terminally Ill Adults at the End of their lives because we are all terminal, no one escapes this stage of our lives. We believe that all adult humans at this sensitive time in their lives, need to retain control of their choices. None of us completely control our health issues but science has provided a safe, sane manner to relieve pain that exceeds pain levels due to cancer and other deadly, terminal medical conditions. After all possible interventions have been expended, terminal adults need to know they have a choice in End of Life conditions. As conscious, mentally sound adults, we are responsible to care for ourselves and should have a choice, one that gives us a humane avenue to address our End of Life Choices.

SB1129 respects our Terminally Ill Adults to use their logic and fact capabilities to make personal decisions regarding their End of Life choices. No one, no church, no religious organization should pressure anyone or obstruct any adult from practicing their Freedom of Choice at the End of their Life. Hawaii needs to respect our Freedom of Choice and SB 1129 does this. SB 1129 will never force anyone to avail themselves of Compassion and Choices/ Death with Dignity because freedom of choice is our decision to make.

Please pass SB 1129 so that Terminally Ill Adults have the freedom to choose their own Compassionate Choice. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Carolyn Martinez Golojuch, MSW  
President and Co-Founder



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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF S.B. 1129 SD1**

**To: Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Karl Rhodes and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor**

**From: Randy Iwase**

Please permit me to take this means to express my STRONG SUPPORT for S.B. 1129.

This bill will afford freedom to a “mentally competent” adult resident who has a “terminal illness” to “request and obtain a prescription to end (his or her) life in a humane and dignified manner.” The bill further provides for layers of safeguards to protect patients from misuse.

Article I Section 2 of our State Constitution provides that “all persons are free by nature and are equal in their inherent and inalienable rights. Among these rights are the enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness . . . “

It is my humble opinion that the right of a competent individual to choose to die with dignity is an inherent and inalienable right. It is an individual and private decision. While government, exercising its power to provide for the general welfare can enact safeguards, as is done in this bill, the ultimate decision on dying is with the individual making that choice.

Finally, having observed the debate on this important issue over these past several years, I would like to offer the following:

This is not a religious issue. The choice of an individual to end his or her life does not impinge on the religious practices of any other individual. That other individual is not compelled to choose to end his or her life. What this bill will do is restore to a “qualified patient” the right to exercise his or her “inherent and inalienable” right to die with dignity.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

I respectfully request that this measure be passed out of committee.

**From:** [Randall Steverson](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Medical Aid in Dying Act  
**Date:** Monday, February 27, 2017 9:58:15 AM

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Senators,

I strongly support the Medical Aid in Dying Act (SB 1129), and urge that you report the bill out of committee for a full floor senate vote.

I believe every person who is terminally ill and facing an excruciating death should have the right to end his or her life. I am dismayed by the opposition to this bill by those who want to impose their religious or medical concerns on the terminally ill, to cause the terminally ill to needlessly suffer. We should not be denying the rights of the terminally ill because of these minority viewpoints, however well intentioned.

Please move the bill forward.

Thank you,

Randy Steverson  
1078 Mokuhano Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
February 28, 2017 at 11:30AM  
Conference Room 016

RE: Testimony in **SUPPORT** of SB1129

Aloha nui e Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads, and Members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee:

I write today in strong support of the Death with Dignity Act, SB 1129, Hawaii's proposed medical aid in dying legislation. I commend your committee on hosting this hearing - I believe it demonstrates leadership and understanding that while this issue touches on many heartfelt issues, the people of Hawai'i believe this is the right thing to do.

Our state has a proud history of diversity, tolerance and support for individual rights. The proposed medical aid in dying legislation supports the rights of terminally ill individuals in Hawai'i to have the full range of care options and to make end-of-life decisions that most align with their values for a peaceful death. Hawai'i residents took a national lead by formally advocating for a medical aid in dying option beginning in the mid-nineties. Since then the law has been successfully implemented in California, Vermont, Montana, Washington State and Oregon and it is in the process of being implemented in Colorado. The legislation, written by and for the people of Hawai'i, builds upon the lessons learned in Oregon, where 19 years of safe and compassionate practice allows policymakers in other states to learn about the law's implementation and the benefits it provides for those who wish to access it as well as how to implement safeguards against feared abuses while still allowing individuals this option.

SB 1129 affirms the right of mentally capable, terminally ill adults to determine their own medical treatment options as they near the end of life. The people of Hawai'i should have the option, together with their 'ohana, their doctors, and their faith, to make the end-of-life decisions that are right for them in the final stages of a terminal illness -- including the option to request a prescription from their doctor to end their dying process painlessly and peacefully.

Mahalo for your leadership and please support SB 1129 and give those who are dying this important and compassionate option.

Me ke aloha pumehana,



Rebecca Justine 'Iolani Soon



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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rene Umberger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-chair Rhoads and Committee members, Thank you for hearing this critically important bill and for the opportunity to testify. I am in strong support of the right to die with dignity, and I urge you to pass this bill. As I think about my future, there is peace found in believing that right will be extended to me here in Hawaii. Mahalo

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**Subject:** Support for Bill 1129 SD1  
**Date:** Saturday, February 25, 2017 3:48:51 PM  
**Importance:** High

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Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee  
State Capitol

Support for Senate Bill 1129 SD1

Dear Senators:

As a retired United Methodist pastor, I urge you to support Senate Bill 1129 SD1.

Over the course of my pastoral ministry of more than 60 years, I have witnessed many of our members who could have benefited for Compassion and Choices. There are times in the course of dying that the quality of life is so bad that the compassionate choice is to hasten our passing.

My own father, who was also a pastor, suffered a stroke some 30 years ago. There was no prospect of a recovery. He suffered miserably for 3 months and wanted to die. In retrospect, I wish he had the choice of dying, while he was still conscious, perhaps with his love family and congregation with him in a religious service.

I have looked at Senate Bill 1129 SD1. It is well crafted with adequate safeguards against abuse.

Rev. Samuel Cox



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**Date:** Saturday, February 25, 2017 6:23:37 AM

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I am in support of SB 1129, the Hawaii Medical Aid in Dying bill, as is all of my family. It is completely compassionate. **Please pass this bill.**

Rianna M. Williams

**From:** [richard.jansen](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Support Medical Aid in Dying Act, SB1129 SD1  
**Date:** Sunday, February 26, 2017 12:05:59 PM

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February 26, 2017

Dear Sir/Madam:

Subject: Support for Medical Aid in Dying Act, SB 1129 SD1

I am writing to support the Medical Aid in Dying Act, SB 1129 SD1. At 70 years old, I have witnessed the death process too many times. One of my closest encounters was watching my mother pass with bouts of severe pain and agony. She died of lung cancer under Hospice Care. Hospice Care eased some but not all of her pain. They provided support to my family during the process that was invaluable. She would tell me that she welcomed death over the pain that she had to endure. As a helpless and loving observer watching her suffer over months was one of the most difficult experiences that she and my family have ever experienced.

The self administered ingestion to peacefully shorten and unbearable dying process is a more humane option and should be an option that supports personal choice. It should not be disallowed because other individuals, groups or the government believe to the contrary. Belief and taking action is a personal choice.

Hawai'i residents took a national lead by formally advocating for a medical aid in dying option beginning in the mid-nineties. Since then the law has been successfully implemented in California, Vermont, Montana, Washington State and Oregon and it is in the process of being implemented in Colorado. We have a cumulative 30 years of experience successfully implementing the legislation without a single incidence of abuse or coercion.

The people of Hawai'i should have the option, together with their family and their doctors, to make the end-of-life decisions that are right for them in the final stages of a terminal illness -- including the option to request a prescription from their doctor to end their dying process painlessly and peacefully. SB 1129 SD1

would give those who are dying this important option.

There's a difference between extending life and just prolonging the dying process of a person who is suffering in the end stages of a terminal disease. In the states where medical aid in dying is authorized, people report significant relief from worry about future pain just from knowing the option is there if they need it.

My family and I would appreciate that you make it possible to expand end-of-life options in Hawai'i. Allowing this option is overwhelmingly supported by the public so you will be furthering your constituents wishes.

Mahalo,

Richard Jansen

**From:** [Rick Keene](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB 1129 SD1 Relating to Medical Aid in Dying  
**Date:** Friday, February 24, 2017 5:02:01 PM

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Aloha

I am writing to support the **Medical Aid in Dying Act, SB 1129 SD1.**

I should have the option, together with my 'ohana and my doctors, to make an end-of-life decision that is right for me in the final stages of a terminal illness -- including the option to request a prescription from my doctor to end my dying process painlessly and peacefully. All the people of Hawaii should have this option at that stage of their life.

SB 1129 SD1 would give those who are dying this important option.

There's a difference between extending life and just prolonging the dying process of a person who is suffering in the end stages of a terminal disease. **Please make it possible to expand end-of-life options in Hawaii.**

Thank you

Richard Keene  
66 Queen Street #1805  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**From:** [Richard Koob](#)  
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Please support SB1129. In my own life experience of directing Hawaii's largest educational wellness retreat, and 30 years of living with HIV, plus caring for a life-partner, parents and a sibling in their illnesses and deaths, I witnessed dear love ones and others constrained and pained by not having the medical assistance they wished for at the end of their lives. Please support SB1129 as aloha, compassionate respect for our beloved 'ohana who are making choices for a love-based exit at life's conclusion.

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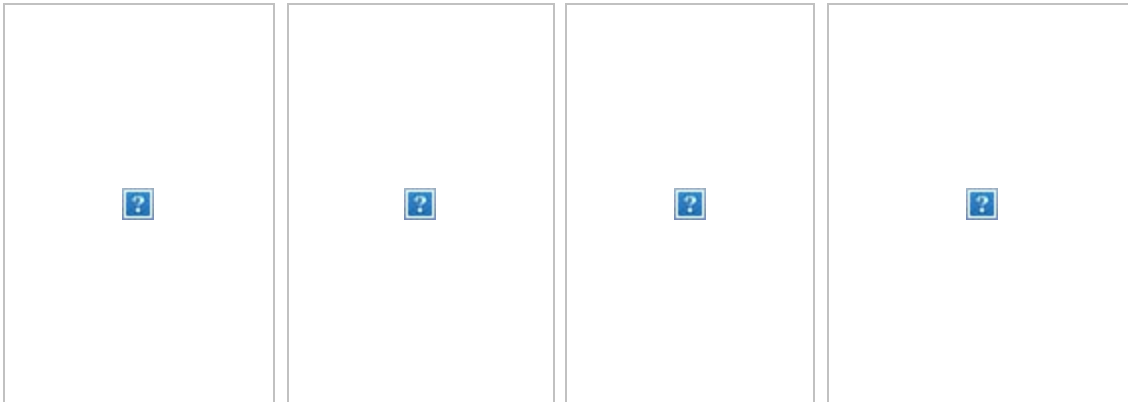
*Rich*♥

Richard Koob

Founder, Director Emeritus, Kalani Honua, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit retreat center on Hawaii Island Founder, Retreat Village at Kalani Kai and Kalani Mauka; Secretary, Hawaii Koob family partnerships

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I support SB1129 SD1

Twenty four years ago this month my wife died a terribly painful death from breast cancer. All we could do was watch in sorrow and horror. If a death with dignity law was available she could have chosen to end all the unnecessary suffering and pass on peacefully.

Please vote to allow the possibility.

Thank you for your sincere consideration.

Aloha,  
Richard Spiegel  
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**From:** [Rick Princenthal](#)  
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**Subject:** Death With Dignity Legislation  
**Date:** Friday, February 24, 2017 4:38:13 PM

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Dear Committee members,

I and my spouse are writing to plead with and urge you to pass this much needed compassionate option for those with an end stage disease. I am very hopeful that the Aloha state will join with the other humane and compassionate states that have now made this choice available to about 1 in 5 or 6 Americans already. The time is now!! Do what is right! BE PONO and PLEASE Open your hearts and minds as we all implore you to act with love and kindness. Do not let suffering fellow beings languish longer than they deem necessary. MAHALOS in ADVANCE

Rick and Karen Princenthal

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ricky Li	Individual	Support	No

Comments: If i am of sound mind, the choice to end my life on my own terms when all treatments/avenues are exhausted, should be mine and mine alone. Also I do not want my caregivers to face legal repercussions for something I choose.

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Rio Banner MD	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: SB1129 provide neither compassion nor choice: the proponents have a hidden agenda for their long range goals--if you truly listen to thier testimony they want euthanasia upon request. This is really abandonment of the patient at the end of life. Compassion and Choices out of Colorada have a targeted campaign aimed at Hawaii to further their long term goal of being the conduit for assisted suicide. In Oregon their members write significantly more prescriptions than other physicians. Please do not pass this bill.

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Judiciary and Labor  
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

Notice of Hearing/ Decision Making  
Tuesday, Feb. 28th 2017  
11:30 am Room 016

Feb. 25, 2017

To: JDL Chair Keith-Agaran and Vice-Chair Rhoads

Re: SB 1129 SD1 death with dignity

Please note that I stand in strong opposition to this bill.

This is a very dangerous bill that should not be taken lightly; passage could lead to other potential abuses.

This bill is based on questionable information gathered from Oregon's 20 yr. history of promoting assisted suicide. The idea that in 20 yrs. of assisted suicide absolutely no abuse, fraud or complications are reflected. This in itself should raise question regarding their record keeping method.

According to "**Patient Rights Action**" there are no records allowed to be reviewed. Records that are used in the annual reports in Oregon are destroyed after only one year, making them unavailable if there are questions about the administration of the lethal drugs or an investigation is warranted.

<https://patientsrightsaction.org/>

In Oregon, even law enforcement is denied access to information about cases under Oregon's law. Alicia Parkman, Mortality Specialist for the Oregon Health Authority, states:

→ *We have been contacted by law enforcement and legal representatives in the past, but have not provided identifying information of any type.*

[http://www.hawaiiagainstassistedsuicide.org/2017/01/the-oregon-experience-is-bs\\_74.html#more](http://www.hawaiiagainstassistedsuicide.org/2017/01/the-oregon-experience-is-bs_74.html#more)

**Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund**

Which documents cases of abuse and mismanagement, to include ins. companies not covering the cost of medical treatments ... but will cover the cost of physician assisted suicide!

<https://dredf.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/revised-or-wa-abuses.pdf>

What about our bill, SB1129 SD1?

**§ -4 Attending provider responsibilities.**

[...]

*(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the attending provider may sign the patient's death certificate, which shall list the underlying terminal disease as the cause of death.*

This in itself confirms that any reports done on our records of assisted suicide in Hawaii would be distorted due to altered death certificate. Shouldn't the cause reflect the truth? that death was due to "overdose of lethal drugs?"

Why isn't more research being done as to the benefits of Cannabis and THC? I believe it was passed last year on the premise of the benefits for pain control and relief without the euphoric side effects.

**Medical Uses of Cannabis and THC**

**Pain:**

Large clinical studies have proven analgesic properties of cannabis products. Among possible indications are neuropathic pain due to multiple sclerosis, damage of the brachial plexus and HIV infection, pain in rheumatoid arthritis, cancer pain, headache, menstrual pain, chronic bowel inflammation and neuralgias. Combination with opioids is possible.

<http://www.cannabis-med.org/english/patients-use.htm>

Question, after the lethal drugs are dispersed to the patient and/or caregiver, it is estimated that 30 – 40% of the drugs are not used ... for various reasons.

What are the safeguards or monitoring process for safe disposal of this now valuable drug? Currently, I do not believe there is any.

On a critical life or death bill like this, there are too many answered questions. So I continue to strongly oppose the passing of this bill and others like it.

Respectfully submitted

Rita Kama-Kimura

Mililani, Hawaii

Member of

The Hawaii Federation of Republican Woman

**From:** [Robbin Reed](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB1129  
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To whom It May Concern,

If you have ever watched someone you love suffer and knew there was nothing you could do to ease their exit from this life, you must understand why this option is so important. No one need access medical aid in dying if they do not wish to do so. However, for those who would so choose, I believe this is a truly kind, and needed option. I would therefore like to voice my support for this legislation.

Thanks you for you attention to a citizen's voice,

Robbin Reed

**From:** [Robert Dupuis](#)  
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### **Support for SB 1129 Aid In Dying.**

My name is Bob Dupuis, today, February 27, 2017 is my 69th birthday. I don't understand the opposition to this bill. I have been in treatment for 9 years for a variety of Agent Orange related health problems. Starting in 2008 with chemotherapy for CLL leukemia that is in remission. Then in 2009 a Bovine heart valve for Ischemic Heart Disease. Then in 2010 for thyroid surgery. Then contacting Diabetes, then COPD, then a replacement Bovine Heart Valve in 2014, the first one failed. In 2015, I was diagnosed with Stage 4 Lung Cancer and am currently on Opdivo,(Immuno Therapy), it's my last option.

There is no other good options I will have and I am not willing to have an agonizing death. That leaves me a few terrible options if this bill does not pass. I was my older brother's caretaker when he went from prostate cancer to bone cancer in a very, very short time. I know what death looks like when I watched him deteriorate for months. His last months were not anything but horrible. There was no "Quality of Life", he was sick in bed for 5 months!

The options you would leave me without this bill are gruesome. Buying illegal street drugs and hope I don't end up a vegetable breathing on my own or some type of self inflicted violence. We have all heard of people jumping off buildings, shooting themselves, etc. etc. etc. My thinking, if that is the way I have to go, maybe find a politician that voted against this and jumping in front of his car when he is taking his family to church on Sunday. Maybe to make sure my head goes through the windshield so he and his family gets the idea.

I understand there are lots of religious opposition to this bill. I do not understand why this is creating a problem. We as a country and state state so in our constitutions. We don't want Muslim Sharia Law, I don't think anybody would like to have to live under the 613 commandants of the Jewish Law, nor Buddhist Pali and Precepts. But now we all must live by Catholic/Christian Edits? Also, that B.S. about abusing this for financial gains. That is addressed and fixed when this is enacted.

**DO THE RIGHT THING PASS THIS BILL.**

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Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and members;

I write in strong support of SB 1129, SD 1. This measure forces nothing on anyone. Those who's circumstances justify euthanasia and desire it should be empowered to end their own life. The opposition to this bill is essentially selfish, as no one is compelled to comply with the law. It's a matter of choice.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Robert Marks

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Orfali	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This issue was extensively debated and then passed in California, Colorado, Maine, Oregon, and Washington. I hope you will do the right thing and pass it in Hawaii. It's good to have this type of insurance at the end, in case all else fails. Hospice is wonderful, but they don't have all the answers: death is complicated. Those who don't support this measure don't have to use it. For the rest of us, it's our life, our death, our choice.

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### **What's important about "Life"**

I value the freedom to have experiences. Hopefully the majority will be good ones. I value my dignity, my self respect. Memory and awareness are important; consciousness certainly. The ability to communicate with my family and loved ones is essential.

Should I be deprived of these attributes, life would not be worth maintaining. Debilitating pain is another reason to cease living.

I value the ability to choose my own actions and to understand the consequences; ideally to enjoy and learn from the results. And hopefully the results will improve life for others, life for our planet. I feel a moral responsibility to add value to our planet and when I am no longer able to do so, my life becomes less important.

These are the criteria I use to decide the value of my life and I want my family and loved ones and my community to understand why I would not want to go on living under certain conditions. I support the passage of law that permits the option of medical assistance to end my own life in certain adverse circumstances when my terminus is on the horizon and I am no longer able to contribute to my beloved planet, community and family.

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Ronald Taniguchi, Pharm.D.	Individual	Support	No

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Testimony to Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee

Regarding: S. B. 1129, SD1 Relating to Health

Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania St.

To: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chairman

Vice Chair, Senator Karl Rhoads and Committee Members

Submitted by: Ruth Prinzivalli, Senior Citizen, 45-255 Haunani Pl., Kaneohe, HI 96744

I am writing to express my opposition to SB1129 SD1. As a senior citizen, I believe that this proposed law will endanger the lives of many senior citizens as well as others with serious disabilities and life-threatening diseases. Especially, because it is modeled after Oregon's "Death With Dignity" laws that do not take patient safety into account. Those in favor of assisted suicide claim there has not been a single incident of misuse or abuse since the law went into effect since 1997. This is based on faulty reasoning. There has been no report of abuse because Oregon does not have any reporting requirements and checks and balances in place.

Oregon's Death With Dignity 2015 annual report documents a lack of controls. The annual report, by its own admission, states a physician or other health care provider is not present at the time of a patient's decision in the majority of the cases. There are no reassurances that a patient took the lethal concoction on their own or was coerced or persuaded by another individual.

I urge the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee to take a careful look at the report so that you can make an informed decision and spare the people of Hawaii from a law that invites more harm than good.

Sincerely,

Ruth Prinzivalli

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My testimony:

My name is Sandra Shimabukuro and I want to thank you for reading this brief story of a life of a caregiver as an RN for 30+ years, and for my mother who lived and died with Alzheimers' disease after living 18 years from her initial diagnosis. I am in opposition of Physician Assisted Suicide (Death) and feel this bill is unnecessary here in our Ohana of Hawaii. We have other systems already in place that will provide the dignity and compassion this bill seeks.

I entered into nursing, believing it was more than an occupation, but also a calling for me to help the sick and provide the best care I could to see them improve. Yet death is also a part of life, a passageway to peaceful eternity as I believe God wants for each of us. As an Oncology Nurse I grieved when many of my patients endured and or suffered the tragic effects of their treatments or the symptoms of ensuing death. I attended many Memorial services during my ten years in that field to support the grieving family members. After all, we became family as is so common here in Hawaii, supporting and loving each other.

When it became so difficult for them to carry on with pain, or depressed from the side effects I admit I thought it would be better for them to die with dignity by ending their lives before the symptoms became too great. Even for my mother, who lost all bodily functions, was no longer competent, but appeared a shell of what she once was, I confess, I wanted her to have a better life and end it all so she could go and live with Jesus in a brand new body.

I've struggled with these emotions for many years, especially over my dear mom. I distinctly remember a conversation with her telling my sister and me that when it's time for her to die she didn't want her life prolonged. While healthy, she would always sacrifice her own needs for others, not wanting to burden someone else, especially her own children. But when we needed help she was the first in line, asking when she could come over to watch any of our young children or prepare a meal for us.

When it was her turn to receive the help she didn't ask for, it was then our turn to give back and provide the loving and best proper care for her. As we all pulled together and cared for mom, it included all the grandchildren, learning how to turn her properly in bed, how to carry her onto the commode and shower her, changing her diapers, brushing her teeth, feeding her first orally and eventually through the stomach tube. Because of her unselfishness all of her grandchildren learned the importance of caring for the sick, for the elderly, for the dying. The legacy she left us has provided each of us a gift we will all cherish for a lifetime; we can each look back and say thank you God for our mom (grandma). We have never been the same because of her. There was purpose in her life even to the end as I believe there is for each one of us.

Let us not look towards ways of dying but how we can honor, improve and care for the life of the elderly, the chronically ill or depressed. Let's care for the caregivers who are in the trenches, who provide the daily tasks of care and educate them in navigating the system so they too are supported and encouraged.

I humbly urge you to vote against this bill and fight for improving lives here in Hawaii.

To: 2017 State Legislature concerning SB1129  
From: Sandra Tanaka Polhemus – Resident:  
Subject: Death with Dignity and Aid in Dying Bills  
Date: February 24, 2017

I fully and urgently support the passage of this legislation and encourage you to consider the following and why this bill's passage is critical for Hawaii residents in this 2017 legislative session.

As a former Hospice volunteer in Kamuela where I sat with dying patients to give their caregivers respite, I've been able to directly experience why I feel patients should be given the right to choose the time and nature of their own passing. Dying with pain and with no hope of recovery due to terminal illness is not only cruel and unusual punishment for the patient but emotionally debilitating to their loved ones who see their relative or friend in emotional and physical pain and can do nothing to relieve it. If someone is diagnosed with a terminal illness and has less than six months to live, why does this not entitle this individual with the right to choose, according to their own beliefs, whether he or she can end their life in a compassionate and painless manner rather than suffering physical and emotional agony at the end of life.

It seems that if this legislation is not passed you legislators are irresponsibly allowing unwarranted pain and suffering on terminal patients and their loved ones. In the states that have passed this legislation, no egregious violations of patient rights have occurred and all patients have the choice to participate or decline, according to their beliefs. No patients are forced to elect this option and are free to choose or not to choose this option.

On a personal note, having been diagnosed with both breast and lung cancer and now under doctor's care due to the frequency of re-occurrences in the past three years I am, while I can, a strong advocate in the "Aid in Dying" and the "Death with Dignity" legislations currently proposed. If circumstances result in a situation where all options have been utilized and there is no hope of a cure, I stand as a strong advocate for myself and all other patients who want to have a choice. "Freedom to Choose" is the hallmark of our democratic system and this bill does not force anyone to utilize the provisions of this bill but it allows patients to choose themselves.

I hope that you will seriously consider these bills and pass them in this current legislative session. It is overdue and sorely needed. My husband, David V. Polhemus, formerly an Editorial writer at the Honolulu Advertiser, now retired, also supports this bill.

Yours in Aloha,  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sarah E Herrmann	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am wholeheartedly against assisted suicide. Our country was founded to preserve the rights of LIFE, LIBERTY, and the PURSUIT of HAPPINESS. LIFE must be respected and preserved at all stages, including when one is facing terminal illness. His/her life still has value, even if he/she can no longer function as before. The value of human life does not rest in what one can do, but in WHO he/she is -- a living human being! I have recently had both of my parents die. One died slowly for a decade with early onset Alzheimers/dementia and the other died within 3 months of being diagnosed. Whether decline is days, weeks, months, or years, it is part of the journey of life and it has value. The journey of life should always be respected, valued, and preserved. MAHALO for reading my viewpoint. I'll pray that Hawaii does not allow assisted suicide!

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**Testimony supporting Senate Bill 1129 SD1 “Relating To Health”**

**Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor**

Tuesday, February 28, 2017  
11:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 016  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Senators Keith-Agaran, Rhoads and Honorable Committee Members,

My name is Scott Foster and I am testifying as the Chair of the Kupuna Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai`i (DPH) which currently represents nearly 2000 active Democrats across the state.

As you may know, the Party’s unwavering support for Death With Dignity legislation dates back several decades. This year, the issue was selected by the DPH State Legislative Committee as #1 in the list of “Primary Issues.”

As a 75-year old kupuna, I’ve witnessed many tragic, painful, deaths with much prolonged suffering and like 80% of Hawaii’s registered voters, I want this freedom of choice when my time comes. The other 20% of Hawaii’s registered voters who have philosophical differences with the concept are free to choose to not use the law. It’s just that simple.

Senate Bill 1129 SD1 is based on the historic Oregon statute and includes all of the proven safeguards that have served to protect Oregon patients from any misuse. In fact, the Oregon law

has been in effect since 1997 without a single incident of misuse and Oregon's documented 20-year history and experience with the law has proven this, despite what opponents in Hawai'i may say today. Using the law is strictly voluntary for both patients and physicians. Only the patient can make the request for medication, the patient can rescind the request at any time and the patient must self-administer the medication.

Because of the rural character of our geographically separated islands and the growing shortage of physicians in Hawai'i, we support the addition of Hawaii's Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to the list of "providers."

We urge you to pass this legislation and let Hawaii's citizens have this important freedom of choice which is now enjoyed by the citizens of Oregon, California, Colorado, Vermont and Washington State.

Sincerely,  
Scott Foster, Chair

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Your 42 year old son has chondrosarcoma , a cancer in his hip bone. That pain he thought was arthritis is now a nightmare. It has spread. There is no going back, Surgery, chemo, radiation, sickens him but he is a trooper and fights along side you for a cure. He weighs 100 lbs, standing tall at 6 ft he looks like he is from Hitler's death camp. The cancer is only in his bones with pain so severe he gets fitful sleep if at all and tears come spontaneously to his eyes when the morphine starts to wear off as the pain is so great. He has a strong heart, lungs, and organs so he will survive like this a long time. The doctors say there is nothing more to be done. Your son has made peace with it and he does not want to fight anymore. The pain medications are more mind numbing and constipating than actual pain relief. Every hour or two he wakes in agony. He says he is ready to be a peace. You scream at the nurses and doctors to help him. You have had no sleep, you are crying too.

Please give us physicians the right to talk to you and your son about allowing him to take a few pills that will giving him a peaceful longlasting sleep. He can take them while you are sitting at his bedside loving him and supporting him and knowing that it was the right decision not to have him live in this torture chamber of his body, for months on end. But if you do not vote for this he may choose to starve himself to death which is a painful death. Please try going without food for just three days to understand this choice. Starvation takes weeks to cause death. Or possibly he will have enough energy to hang himself in shame when you are not around to see his tears of pain.

Please help us help you as you age and your loved ones.

Sharon Lowrie MD

Aloha

I am writing in support the Death with Dignity Act, SB 1129, Hawaii's proposed medical aid in dying legislation.

I have heard much about how life is a gift from God. So it may be. But if it is so is free choice. As I was raised, perhaps the most important factor in a human life is that of free choice. It is by our choice that we form our life and character. If our lives are gifts from God, so must be our capacity to choose.

The proposed legislation is about individual choice, the choice to complete the craft of a human life, to bring it to its inevitable end in a manner that fulfills our individual characters. Such a choice, as the law will allow, will certainly not be for everyone. Given the Oregon model from which the law is crafted, it will be a choice of a very few.

But is it not the responsibility of legislatures to protect the choice of those few that we make our society a free society that accommodates and even celebrates difference?

Our social institutions are based on the premise that citizens are rational, independent and free, possessed of autonomy and aware of their own self-interest. I do not understand why we abandon this premise when adults approach their inevitable death. All human beings deserve the respect to live their lives in dignity, as they choose. Why do we so coldly deny this and disregard the value of individual choice when life approaches its end?

Please vote in favor of SB 1129.

Mahalo  
Sharon Rowe  
citizen

**From:** [Jan Gaffney](#)  
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**Date:** Monday, February 27, 2017 10:27:38 AM

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Our family previously lived in Oregon where a law similar to this is has been in effect for many years.

All three of us adults over the age 70 in this Ohana support SB1129. There are enough safeguards in this to prevent unauthorized use.

We have seen many of our loved ones suffer insurmountable pain. It is horrible. It is their decision, not ours, to choose or not to choose Medical Aid in Dying, and we realize this.

Please support and pass this SB1129.

Mahalo,

Jan and Howard Gaffney, and Shirlene Hanson

**From:** [Shirley Thompson](#)  
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**Subject:** I am strongly in favor of the Medical Aid in Dying Bill  
**Date:** Monday, February 27, 2017 10:00:48 AM

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To the Judiciary and Labor Committee,

I am a Honolulu voter from Aina Haina and I am writing to ask for your support in favor of the Medical Aid in Dying Bill SB1129. Comfort and peace of mind in our own and our loved ones last days is too important to leave up to chance. Each of deserves the legal right able to choose how to end our lives when the pain and suffering become too great. Please put into law what over 80% of Hawaii voters are already in favor of: legal Medical Aid in Dying.

Thank you,  
Shirley Thompson  
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**Subject:** I am opposed to SB 1129 it is inhumane and un-natural choice. Please vote against passing SB1129 please make are vote count as you represent us. We overwhelming testified against this bill in health and we were ignored. Please stop ignoring your consti

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**From:** [Stephanie Marshall](#)  
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**Subject:** SB 1129 SD1  
**Date:** Sunday, February 26, 2017 4:19:22 PM

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Senator Keith-Agaran, Senator Rhoads and other members of the JDL Committee,

I am writing to support the Medical Aid in Dying Act, SB 1129 SD1.

Medical aid in dying is a safe and trusted medical practice for which a terminally ill, mentally capable person who has a prognosis of six months or less to live, has the option to request from his/her health care provider a prescription for medication which they can choose to self-administer through ingestion to peacefully shorten an unbearable dying process.

Our state has a proud history of diversity, tolerance and support for individual rights. The proposed medical aid in dying legislation supports the rights of terminally ill individuals in Hawai'i to have the full range of care options and to make end-of-life decisions that most align with their values for a peaceful death. It grants the individual the choice as to how, when, where and who will be present at their passing when the suffering has become unbearable. This has to be the individual's choice because only the individual can decide when the dying process becomes unbearable.

The legislation, written by and for the people of Hawai'i, builds upon the lessons learned in Oregon, where 19 years of safe and compassionate practice allows policymakers in other states to learn about the law's implementation and the benefits it provides for those who wish to access it. SB 1129 SD1 affirms the right of mentally capable, terminally ill adults to determine their own medical treatment options as they near the end of life.

Hawai'i residents took a national lead by formally advocating for a medical aid in dying option beginning in the mid-nineties. Since then the law has been successfully implemented in California, Vermont, Montana, Washington State and Oregon and it is in the process of being implemented in Colorado. We have a cumulative 30 years of experience successfully implementing the legislation without a single incidence of abuse or coercion.

The people of Hawai'i should have the option, together with their 'ohana and their doctors, to make the end-of-life decisions that are right for them in the final stages of a terminal illness -- including the option to request a prescription from their doctor to end their dying process painlessly and peacefully. SB 1129 SD1 would give those who are dying this important option.

There's a difference between extending life and just prolonging the dying process of a person who is suffering in the end stages of a terminal disease. In the states where medical aid in dying is authorized, people report significant relief from worry about future pain just from knowing the option is there if they need it.

Please make it possible to expand end-of-life options in Hawai'i. Kama'aina overwhelmingly support making medical aid in dying available for those with a terminal illness who are suffering at the end of life.

**Stephanie Marshall, MSN, RN, FAAN**

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**Date:** Monday, February 27, 2017 11:13:59 AM

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I am a registered voter who also works in the health care industry. I support the Hawaii Medical Aid in Dying Act (SB 1129). We need compassion and choices at the end of life.

Thank you,  
Stephanie Smith  
Ewa Beach, HI

**From:** [Roadrunner](#)  
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**Subject:** Support for SB 1129  
**Date:** Friday, February 24, 2017 3:26:54 PM

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Senators: I urge you to support SB 1129, the “death with dignity” act. I am 70.5 years old and will welcome this logical, compassionate option if I have to face an end-of-life that might include suffering without hope of remission. Please do not accept the “This is a suicide bill” hysteria or the “It violates my Hippocratic oath and there are palliative options” dodge. This bill allows the alleviation of suffering and the possibility of logical, monitored passing, free of the horror of clinically sustained life without quality and terrible expense (both financial and emotional, for all concerned). Humans should have the carefully regulated option to end their lives on their own terms—please allow it by supporting SB 1129.

Respectfully yours,

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## Testimony in strong opposition to SB 1129 SD1 Hawai'i Medical Aid in Dying Act February 28, 2017

Senator Keith-Agaran and members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee:

I am an autistic adult and one of the leaders of Second Thoughts Connecticut, a coalition of disabled people opposed to the legalization of assisted suicide. Our organization works together with national disability rights organizations including Not Dead Yet and the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund to oppose such legislation. I also serve on the board of directors of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition USA.

You may wonder why a disability rights advocate 5000 miles away in Connecticut cares so much about legislation in Hawai'i. To paraphrase the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," I cannot stand by idly in Connecticut and not care about what happens in Hawai'i. Injustice anywhere truly is a threat to justice everywhere.

Over 200 attempts to pass similar legislation have been rejected by legislatures across the nation. My home state of Connecticut has rejected similar legislation three years in a row without a single committee vote in response to our strong disability-rights opposition. When legislators look at the details of these bills, they understand that legalizing doctor-prescribed suicide diminishes rather than enhances choice. It also poses unacceptable risks to people who have no intention of dying, or who could have lived productive lives with treatment. They have second thoughts and oppose such legislation.

The ostensible safeguards in SB 1129 SD1 are hollow. Contrary to the claim of Standing Committee Report 471, the act still allows for euthanasia by saying that the patient "may" self-administer (thus implying others can assist) and by not defining self-administration, which in other states such as Washington with similar laws is defined as mere ingestion. The witnesses to the written request for the lethal prescription can be an heir and a close friend of that heir (or a representative of the patient's health insurer) seeking to pressure someone into ending his or her life. There is no requirement that any of the requests be made in the presence of the physician or nurse who will prescribe the lethal dose, while doctor shopping further weakens any "safeguards." The heir could pressure the victim to sign the written request at home and mail or fax it to the physician or nurse, who may have no clue that the request was coerced. Moreover, the bill does not require any witnesses at the time the lethal prescription is consumed. Did Grandpa take the 100 Seconal pills voluntarily, or did he change his mind only to have his heir compel him to do it? SB 1129 SD1 has no investigational authority and gives legal immunity to prescribing doctors who act in "good faith." Furthermore, in § 4 (b), doctors are **required** to falsify death certificates, listing the cause of death as the underlying illness

instead of the lethal prescription, as “the attending provider may sign the patient's death certificate, which shall list the underlying terminal disease as the cause of death,” further covering up potential foul play. The mere existence of the lethal prescription serves as an alibi. The possibilities for elder abuse are enormous.

With regard to the falsification of the death certificate, the State of Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice testified in opposition to a similar provision two years ago in Connecticut HB 7015 as having “unintended and very unwelcome consequences,” noting that “the actual cause of death would be the medication taken by or given to the patient.” Moreover, “[t]he practical problem for the criminal justice system and the courts will be confronting a potential Murder prosecution where the cause of death is not accurately reported on the death certificate.” § 4 (b) of SB 1129 SD1 would thus make it impossible to prosecute a murder.

Contrary to claims of proponents, there have been a number of documented abuses in Oregon, in addition to all the ones we will never know about because of the lack of investigational authority. The case of Tami Sawyer and Thomas Middleton is instructive. Middleton had ALS and moved into Sawyer's home, where he died a month later under Oregon's assisted suicide law. Two days after the death, Sawyer sold Middleton's house and deposited the proceeds into her account. Sawyer pleaded guilty to fraud and money laundering in a Ponzi scheme. A second case involving Middleton's estate was dropped only because she was already serving jail time. We will never know whether this was merely fraud or murder for profit. Indeed, this story came to light only because of suspicious real estate transactions and in spite of the concealment entailed by Oregon's assisted suicide law.

Oregon also demonstrates the deadly mix between assisted suicide and medical cost-containment. Barbara Wagner and Randy Stroup were denied chemotherapy for their cancers under the Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid) yet offered suicide drugs instead. Chillingly the president of Compassion & Choices, former HMO executive Barbara Coombs Lee, wrote an op-ed in *The Oregonian* defending Oregon's denial of Tarceva to Barbara Wagner, suggesting that government steer people away from curative care and toward less aggressive treatment or suicide.

Another problem in Oregon is suicide contagion. According to the Centers for Disease Control, Oregon's already high suicide rate has increased much more than the national average; from 1999 (shortly after the Oregon Death with Dignity Act took effect) until 2010, the rate of increase for people age 35-64 was 49% in Oregon versus 28% nationally. Given the motto of Compassion & Choices and other “right-to-die” organizations is “My Life. My Death. My Choice.” this should come as no surprise.

Mercilessly bullied autistic and LGBT youth can pick up this message that “my death” is “my choice”—a message which Compassion & Choices has displayed on its green stickers and Facebook pages—and act on it. Those of us on the autism spectrum can take messages like this quite literally. Nikki Bacharach, the autistic daughter of Burt Bacharach and Angie Dickinson, committed suicide eight years ago. Her parents issued the following statement, according to Lisa Jo Rudy of About.com: “She quietly and peacefully committed suicide to escape the ravages to her brain brought on by Asperger's.” This strange and creepy announcement is the logical product of Compassion & Choices' assisted suicide advocacy,

where “peaceful suicide” is glorified and disability is viewed as “ravaging” our minds and bodies. This is disability discrimination and is unacceptable.

About one year ago, Connecticut became the first state to officially recognize the wrongfulness of this discrimination in its state suicide prevention plan. Here is the relevant excerpt from the *State of Connecticut Suicide Prevention Plan 2020*, which explicitly cites legalized assisted suicide as a contributing factor (pp. 43-44):

#### People with Chronic Health Conditions and Disabilities

Living with chronic or terminal physical conditions can place significant stress on individuals and families. As with all challenges, individual responses will vary. Cancer, degenerative diseases of the nervous system, traumatic injuries of the central nervous system, epilepsy, HIV/AIDS, chronic kidney disease, arthritis and asthma are known to elevate the risk of mental illness, particularly depression and anxiety disorders.

In these situations, integrated medical and behavioral approaches are critical for regularly assessing for suicidality. Disability-specific risk factors include: a new disability or change in existing disability; difficulties navigating social and financial services; stress of chronic stigma and discrimination; loss or threat of loss of independent living; and institutionalization or hospitalization.

Until recently, the CTSAB [Connecticut Suicide Advisory Board] was considering assisted suicide of the terminally ill as a separate issue from suicide prevention. The active disability community in Connecticut, however, has been vocal on the need for suicide prevention services for people with disabilities. There may be unintended consequences of assisted suicide legislation on people with disabilities. Peace (2012) writes that “Many assume that disability is a fate worse than death. So we admire people with a disability who want to die, and we shake our collective heads in confusion when they want to live.”

People with disabilities have a right to responsive suicide prevention services. The CTSAB intends to continue to explore the needs of the disability community for such services.

#### Targeted Recommendations:

- Develop greater scrutiny of someone’s intentions to die.
- Identify and train practitioners to develop expertise in the work with disabled people who are suicidal.
- Do not “assume” suicide is a “rational” response to disability.
- Treat mental health conditions as aggressively as with a person without disability.
- CTSAB should encourage and increase participation from the disability community and encourage educational presentations.

I would strongly urge Hawai’i to follow Connecticut’s lead and fully include disabled people in your state’s suicide prevention plan, officially recognizing the discrimination of legalized assisted suicide.



Misdiagnosis and incorrect prognosis are also serious concerns when assisted suicide is legalized. SB 1129 SD1 allows for a prognosis of six months to live, but does not take into account the effects of treatment. Many people with severe disabilities who need breathing support, or people with diabetes controlled by insulin, would be eligible for suicide under this bill. Even if the bill were to include the effects of treatment, many people have dramatically outlived doctors' expectations. Senator Ted Kennedy was diagnosed with brain cancer and given 2-4 months to live, yet lived 15 very productive months. Actress Valerie Harper was diagnosed with a different form of brain cancer and given 3 months to live; she is alive and fighting her disease more than four years later. Jeanette Hall, diagnosed with cancer and given six months to a year to live, sought to die under Oregon's assisted suicide law. Her doctor persuaded her to accept treatment, and she is alive and well nearly 15 years later. John Norton was diagnosed with ALS at age 18 and given 3-5 years to live. The diagnosis was confirmed by the prestigious Mayo Clinic. Six years later, the progression of his disease suddenly stopped and he is alive at age 79, with a wife, children, and retired from a successful career. He writes that if assisted suicide had been legal at the time, "I would have taken that opportunity."

Rahamim Melamed-Cohen, sometimes called "Israel's most famous terminally ill patient," was diagnosed with ALS over 20 years ago and was also given 3-5 years to live. In spite of the fact that he can only think and blink his eyes, he has said that "if they [the doctors] had let me die, I would have missed out on the best, most beautiful years of my life." He has written 12 books and created beautiful artwork using Microsoft's eye-tracking technology. What makes Dr. Melamed-Cohen a role model for the rest of us is his attitude, which is the complete opposite of the "death with dignity" movement: "Don't despair. Be optimistic and work on joy in your heart. No matter what you're lacking think of what's possible to do in your present situation."

Dr. Melamed-Cohen's attitude reminds us of the importance of our social interconnectedness, that "my death" is not a private, individualistic choice, but affects all around us. In the immortal words of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." Yet under SB 1129 SD1, in § 8, family notification is merely recommended, not required. What if one of your relatives took the lethal prescription and you had no idea this was coming? Death is too important to be reduced to six word slogans claiming it is merely a matter of "my choice."

Finally, there is the issue of expansion. Leaders of Compassion & Choices and other "right-to-die" organizations have publicly stated their intent to come back later to expand beyond "six months," "terminally ill," and "mentally competent." At a gathering in Hartford, Connecticut in October 2014, Compassion & Choices president Barbara Coombs Lee declared her support for assisted suicide for people with dementia and cognitive disabilities unable to consent. *CT News Junkie* quoted her saying, "It is an issue for another day but is no less compelling." Dr. Marcia Angell, leading proponent of the defeated 2012 Massachusetts' assisted suicide ballot question, wrote in *The New York Review of Books* that she now favors euthanasia as well as assisted suicide. New Mexico is currently debating legislation (HB 171) that allows for assisted suicide on demand with no second opinions, waiting periods, multiple requests, or reporting requirements, and has an expansive definition of "terminal illness." Other bills filed here in Hawai'i have similar, extremely expansive provisions.

If SB 1129 were enacted, expansion will move into the hands of judges. While we in the disability-rights community view legalizing assisted suicide as a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the equal protection clause of the Hawai'i Constitution—people with certain disabilities are thus denied the benefit of suicide prevention services—judges could easily use both of these provisions to require extending the “benefit” of “aid in dying” to other disabled people. The limitations of “six months,” “terminally ill,” “mentally competent,” and “self-administration” in SB 1129 all discriminate on the basis of disability. Indeed, back in 1999, former Deputy Attorney General of Oregon wrote this response to state senator Neil Bryant regarding the self-administration requirement in that state:

“The Death with Dignity Act does not, on its face and in so many words, discriminate against persons who are unable to self-administer medication. Nonetheless, it would have that effect....It therefore seems logical to conclude that persons who are unable to self-medicate will be denied access to a ‘death with dignity’ in disproportionate numbers. Thus, the Act would be treated by courts as though it explicitly denied the ‘benefit’ of a ‘death with dignity’ to disabled people....”

So what about the person with ALS who has a six month prognosis, but has lost the ability to (literally) self-administer? What about the person with Parkinson's disease, who will have tremors for years before dying? What about people with communication disabilities who may not be able to make the request on their own? What about Grandma with dementia, or the person with a severe psychiatric disability? Once the door to assisted suicide is pried open in enough states, Compassion & Choices will seek to open it further through the courts, going from six months terminal to one year, to perhaps five years; from assisted suicide to euthanasia as is already the case with this bill; and from euthanasia for terminal illness, to chronic illness, to mental suffering. This is how we go down the same road as Belgium and the Netherlands, where we see euthanasia for deaf twins who fear going blind, or for someone unhappy with gender reassignment surgery, and where euthanasia is the cause of 1 out of every 50 deaths. This is how we go down the same road as Canada, whose radical Supreme Court decision requiring the legalization of active euthanasia for mental suffering was heartily praised by Barbara Coombs Lee. For Compassion & Choices, these are merely issues for another day, and for them, no less compelling.

For those of us in the disability community, opposition to assisted suicide is an issue of justice and civil rights. Reject SB 1129, which enshrines lethal disability discrimination into law. Instead, let us recall Dr. King's dream, in which we all—regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or disability—have inherent dignity, and we do not have to die to get it.

We Shall Overcome!

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As I entered the room, I saw an elderly Asian man awake in bed. I said "Hi, I am with the Chaplain's office and just want to see how you are doing". He said "Okay". I noticed that his left wrist was bandaged and asked, what happened? He said, "I tried to commit suicide". I asked, "Why?" and he proceeded to share his story. He was a Japanese man in his late 80's, living with younger sister and her family. He felt he was a burden to them because they were caring for him. As we neared the end of our conversation, I commented that I thought he was a samurai type person. He nodded, yes. I said that as a samurai, you must die well, with dignity. He said, "yes".

The 2nd story took place in a Hospice House with a man in his early 70's. I first met him at his house a couple months earlier but cancer had taken its toll. He was now in the Hospice House, 70 pounds of skin and bones except for his swollen feet. I asked if he was ready to die and he said "yes" and explained that his family did not have money and it was a burden for them financially for him to be in the Hospice House. He was ready to die but his body kept him alive for another 14 days.

In my opinion, this 2nd man was an ideal candidate for death with dignity while the 1st man was not.

I will end with a quote and a thought. Aristotle said, "The mark of an educated mind is the ability to entertain a thought without accepting it". Hopefully, Senators, you will entertain the death with dignity concept, accept it, embrace it, and champion it until it becomes law and may your legacy reflect your compassion for the people of Hawaii.

Russell Stephen Pang

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**SB1129**

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I am dealing with metastatic breast to bone cancer. I urge you to support SB 1129 to provide me and others like me with the knowledge that if my suffering becomes too intense I have another option, medical aid in dying, that I can consider to hasten my death. I'm not sure I would take the medication but knowing it is available is a tremendous relief.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Faith Rubin

**From:** [Swlkrueger@aol.com](mailto:Swlkrueger@aol.com)  
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**TO:** [Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair](#)

[Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair](#)

**I submit this testimony in strong OPPOSITION to physician assisted suicide (or compassion in choice or death with dignity) or under any other description for the following reasons:**

- **Proper medical care includes only treating diseases NOT killing the patient.**
- **Legalizing physician assisted suicide or any other descriptive name goes against the Hippocratic Oath, "I will neither give a deadly drug to anybody who asked for it, nor will I make a suggestion to this effect" that physicians swear by when they graduate with a medical degree and begin practicing medicine for the prevention and/or cure of diseases.**
- **Legalizing physician assisted suicide sends the wrong message to our troubled teens that suicide is an acceptable way to solve problems.**
- **In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna; we don't abandon them to suicide.**
- **The witness to a prescription request could be someone who would inherit financial and personal property from the patient. Once the prescription is written, a relative or abusive caregiver can pick it up and give it to the patient in food or drink. Since no witness is required at the time of death, who would know if the patient consented?**
- **If the patient decides not to take the deadly drug prescribed by a physician, there are risks that a child or youth can pick up the drug and ingest it and die.**
- **Assisted suicide poses a threat to those living with disabilities or who are in vulnerable circumstances. When assisted suicide becomes an option, pressure can be placed on these individuals to take that option.**
- **If assisted suicide is made legal, it quickly becomes just another form of treatment and as such, will always be the cheapest option. This is troublesome in a cost-conscious healthcare environment. Health insurance companies may change their coverage plan for the terminally ill by telling the patient they will cover the cost of a deadly drug but not cover cancer treatment, for example.**
- **There is nothing in SB1129 to protect from explicit or implicit family pressures to commit suicide or personal fears of "being a burden". There is also no requirement that a doctor evaluate family pressures the patient may be under.**
- **Prescription requests from terminally ill individuals for suicide drugs are often based on fear and depression. Many cases of depression among terminally ill people can be successfully treated. Yet primary care physicians are generally not experts in diagnosing depression and may not refer the patient for evaluation by a psychologist or psychiatrist to screen for depression or mental illness.**
- **Legalizing physician assisted suicide in Hawaii by way of SB 1129 SDI will be the gateway to a culture of euthanasia. It will be economically cheaper to end one's life who has a terminal illness or is depressed than to help this person with medical treatments.**

**I urge you to vote "No" on SB 1129 SDI.**

**Aloha,**

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**I am here to support the Death with Dignity Act, SB 1129, Hawaii's proposed medical aid in dying legislation.**

**My parents, both veterans that served this country for over 30 years were both diagnosed as terminally ill, with very different endings.**

**My terminally ill father suffered an agonizing, painful death even with hospice and palliative care, as the family watched and could not help him. We had failed him.**

**My mother after enduring this event and then being diagnosed terminally also ,did not want to put herself through this or have her family feel her suffering, found a way the be able to end her life with medical aid in dying.**

**No family should have to move to another state or have to resort to VSED (voluntarily stop eating and drinking), a long and painfully process to be relieved of such agony.**

**Many people do not qualify for Hospice and Palliative care if they are diagnosed as terminally ill;**

**They may be under 65 (Medicare)**

**Make too much money for (Medicaid)**

**Not enough to afford medical insurance**

**Will they have to suffer the pain and agony if diagnosed as terminally ill?**

**The people of Hawai'i should have the option, together with their 'ohana and their doctors, to make the end-of-life decisions that are right for them in the final stages of a terminal illness -- including the option to request a prescription from their doctor to end their dying process painlessly and peacefully. SB 1129 would give those who are dying this important option.**

**As a veteran and a catholic, I ask you to please pass this bill.**



**From:** [Susan Olson](#)  
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**Subject:** Medical Aid in Dying Senate Bill 1129  
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Aloha Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee Members:

I am submitting this testimony in support of Senate Bill 1129 (Medical Aid in Dying).

All human beings should have the right to choose how they want to die without the interference of any government or religious institution. When a person is terminally ill, controlling pain is simply not enough. Sometimes, the process drags on interminably, causing anguish for the dying person as well as the family and loved ones. If a patient's condition is terminal, then they should have the right to have a physician prescribe life-ending medication which could be taken to hasten their own death at a time of their own choosing. In states that have Death with Dignity Laws, most people who obtain these medications do not actually use them but having the choice gives them peace of mind and dignity of personal choice.

I watched my own mother unnecessarily die a long, slow, death by starvation. She had multiple medical conditions that were terminal. She chose to refuse tube-feeding and other aggressive measures to keep her going. Instead, she signed up for Hospice and chose to stop eating. In the end, she also refused hydration. Her body took an entire month to shut down. She and her family endured a horrible ending as she grew weaker and weaker, lost control of bodily functions and felt mentally anguished to be leaving in such a horrifying way. She simply wanted it to be over and to have the dignity with which she had lived. This was denied to her because there was no state law to give her Medical Aid in Dying.

It should be noted that the states in which Medical Aid in Dying Laws have been passed, have not experienced abuses of their laws. There are multiple safeguards to prevent abuse including second opinions, psychiatric assessments, counseling, waiting periods, etc. No physician is actually assisting the patient to die, in fact, this is unlawful. It is the patient's CHOICE whether or not to take the life-ending medication and the patient must be able to get the medicine in their own mouth and swallow it without help.

Please pass this introduced law from the Committee to the full Senate for a vote. Hawaiian residents want the choice to decide their own lives.

Thank you.

Susan Olson

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February 28, 2017, 11:30am, Conference Room 016

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
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Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
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Re: SB1129- Establishment of a medical aid in dying act

Written testimony in support of this bill

I have been a registered nurse for more than eighteen years. Eight and a half years I served as a hospice nurse and another four-plus years I worked on various floors in hospitals. During these years of direct patient care I saw death occur dozens of times and I learned what I hold to be true to this day- *there are worse things than death*. I have seen women and men in unbearable pain in their final months, weeks, days and hours. Even with the best hospice and palliative care available nothing could control these individuals' extreme discomfort. I have witnessed the visible panic in the faces of individuals who were not able to breathe due to cancer, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS, aka Lou Gehrig's disease), Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), and other conditions affecting their lungs. I have visited those experiencing frightening hallucinations caused by pain medications. And I have attempted (without success) to help patients who had uncontrollable hiccups, not hiccups that lasted for minutes or hours but those that lasted continuously for days and weeks. This may sound like a minor discomfort to some but please believe me there is nothing minor about constant spasms preventing restful sleep or the ability to eat or drink. Additionally, I have listened to countless family members of the dying who shared their anguish and feelings of helplessness in making their loved ones more comfortable. These are just some examples of what I consider to be unnecessary suffering.

Four of my eight and a half years in hospice were served in Portland, Oregon and southern Washington. During this time I met several individuals who went through the process of obtaining the medications that could ultimately bring their lives to an end as allowed by the Death with Dignity acts in each of those states. Even though none of these individuals with whom I spoke wanted to get to the point where they felt it was time to use the medications, they expressed great relief that they had the option to do so. I was never in attendance when a life was ended in this manner but heard many reports that it was a very peaceful end. I believe that if there is a means by which people can be in control of how their lives end and not be forced to needlessly suffer it

should be made available and protected by law. I wholeheartedly support the passing of SB1129 because I know what having such an option means to those who are dealing with a terminal illness especially one that is known to potentially have a very unpleasant progression to the final moment of life.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

**From:** [Susan Parks](#)  
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**Subject:** Medical Aid in Dying Act  
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Aloha,

I support medical aid in dying fervently based on my personal experiences.

My dear father-in-law was dying of cancer. He was a tall, strapping (think 6'4") man who got down to under 100 pounds; his heart kept beating. He lasted MONTHS, lucid. I read to him in his home, every night. He wanted to pass at home although finally his final 2 weeks were in a hospital because even with hospice, we could not manage his care at home.

Each night, I would sit there when I had read enough, and he would pray to God to take him and lamented WHY he had to endure such pain and indignity. He begged hospice and his doctor for stronger meds and with stomach cancer, he was in pain.

They gave him the max they felt they could give. Once night he was SO angry and frustrated and said to me, that we treat our horses and dogs better than he was being treated. we would NEVER let our dog or horse suffer so.

In that moment I got it. In that moment I became an advocate for medically assisted dying.

Maybe you had to be there, but there was NO good reason for this dear man's suffering.

My husband passed sway of cancer 18 months ago. He went into hospice care, after two days, went to sleep and did not wake up. He was on dialysis and he knew that if he stopped, he would go to sleep and easily not wake up. So he had his way out in his back pocket and I fully concurred with that decision, although he did not need to invoke it.

Please feel free to share this.

Susan Parks

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THE SENATE  
THE 29<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2017

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR  
SENATOR GILBERT S. K. KEITH-AGARAN, CHAIR  
SENATOR KARL RHOADS, VICE-CHAIR  
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

RE: SB 1129 SD1 – IN OPPOSITION

I am a registered nurse. I strongly oppose SB 1129. I have spent my entire profession career caring for people in all stages of life, from the tiny, premature infant fighting to grow strong enough to go home to their loving parents to the octogenarian during their last moments surrounded by loving family and friends. Each of their lives was a gift that they, their parents and families treasured.

“Death with Dignity” has nothing to do with dignity. It is an attempt to lend respect to a practice, suicide, which has always been considered both a tragic choice for the person involved.

Proponents talk about this legislation as being compassionate. Once again, it has nothing to do with compassion. It crosses the line between caring, which is real compassion, and killing, which is immoral and criminal.

As legislators and representatives of all of the people of Hawai`i please be cautious about legalizing killing in any form. Please remember that a host of professional, religious, abuse prevention and disability rights organizations, including those listed below, have rejected this pro-death and anti-life law because of the danger it presents in facilitating the abuse and killing of very vulnerable people in our community:

Hawaii’s Partnership for Appropriate and Compassionate Care (HPACC)

**Hawai`i Family Advocates**

**American Medical Association**

**American Nurses Association**

**American Association of People with Disabilities**

**Autistic Self Advocacy Network**

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon Church)**

**Disability Rights Center**

**Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund**

**Episcopal Church**

**Focus on the Family**

**Jewish Churches in America**

**National Council on Disability**

**National Council on Independent Living**

**National Organization of Nurses with Disabilities**

**National Spinal Cord Injury Association**

**United State Conference of Catholic Bishops**

**World Association of Persons with Disabilities**

In addition to my opposition to SB 1129, SD1 for the reasons stated above, I have additional concerns associated with specific wording in the proposed legislation.

1. Related to the definition of both the “attending provider” and the “consulting provider” found on Page 10 of the proposed bill. Both of these definitions include the “advanced practice registered nurse” (APRN) as a healthcare provider; the “consulting provider” definition includes the words “...prognosis regarding the patient’s disease.” In doing a review of the current Hawai`i Nurse Practice Act I was unable to find evidence that determining a patient’s prognosis is within the APRN’s scope of practice.
2. Related to method of documenting the patient’s cause of death. It appears, from the wording in the proposed bill that the underlying terminal illness would be used as the patient’s cause of death. Why would the immediate cause of death not be included? Providing complete information would facilitate the review of records of individuals who die as a result of “physician assisted suicide”. Not including this information on the death certificate makes it impossible to assure patients, families and the public at large that safeguards written into the proposed legislation have, in fact, maintained.
3. Access to medical records of patients electing to use “patient assisted suicide” also seems to be restricted to the Department of Health for an “annual review of a sample of records maintained...” This will make quality assurance and research on physician assisted suicide by independent groups difficult if not impossible.
4. Based on my understanding of how this process would be carried out, a lethal dose of a controlled substance would be prescribed by the attending physician. Nothing in the proposed bill addresses the safe and secure disposal of the prescribed medication by either by the family, should the patient die prior to using the medication or the patient, should he/she decide not to use the medication provided.

Hawai`i is known for its “aloha “ spirit and values it so much that is written into Hawai`i state law. (*Hawai`i Revised Statutes*§5-7.5) As you consider this legislation please consider the many and clearly delineated reasons for opposing this legislation and any others like it.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on this very concerning legislation. My prayers are with you as consider this bill.

Aloha,

Susan M. Slavish, RN, BSN, CIC

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Aloha,

I have previously sent this same email to my Senator, but find the need to be sure that my voice is heard on a larger scale. I feel very personally about the SB1129 Hawaii Death With Dignity Act.

I am very healthy and active, and am working to stay that way for a very long time. I have never felt deep depression or the need to end my own life. I am not afraid to die. I would always fight the good fight against illness that threatens my health or life.

That being said, should I ever find myself in the unfortunate situation of being terminally ill with chronic pain, I would hope that I would have the opportunity to end this life's journey without spending my final days or months in agonizing pain. When it comes to that point, I may decide that the right choice is to do nothing. But I would hope that that choice would rest with each individual person; to end life with dignity in a legal, gentle and pono way.

Thank you for your consideration as you discuss and vote on this bill.

Aloha,

Suzi Mechler

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**SB1129**

Submitted on: 2/24/2017

Testimony for JDL on Feb 28, 2017 11:30AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Suzy Okino	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony SUPPORTING SB1129 SD1 for Tuesday, February 28, 2017  
11:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 016  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

Aloha Senators Keith-Agaran, Rhoads and Committee Members,

I support SB1129 SD1 for the following reason:

**TOTAL COMPASSION**

Sincerely,  
Sybil Chappellet

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ted Bohlen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Terminally ill should be able to choose to die with dignity. The law must have proper controls to prevent abuse, which this bill does. Please pass!

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**SB1129**

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Teri Heede	Individual	Support	No

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Aloha. I would appreciate your support of self determination for the residents of Hawaii. I have been present for 4 of my relatives as they went through the dying process. They were all pragmatic about there feelings to end their lives on their terms, and non of them were able to fulfill their dreams of a painless, short dying process. My auntie decided to stop eating at the age of 91 because she no longer could care for herself and was experiencing excruciating pain. If we were able she would have traveled to a state that allowed doctors to help her with her suffering. Instead I stayed at her side for the next ten days as she struggled not to eat or drink, then slipped into a coma.

These laws will only allow us to make decisions for our lives. We live it on our terms and should be able to end it as well, if we are to a point of suffering or to advert such an event from occurring. There is humanity in allowing us to help our animals pass, how is it we cannot do this for ourselves? Please support free choice for the end of our life.

Tina Snapp, RN,BSN,CCM  
Captain Cook

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**SB1129**

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Testimony for JDL on Feb 28, 2017 11:30AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tom Odgers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to submit the following testimony... As I child, I witnessed the slow, painful death of a parent. My mother's suffering was overwhelming, and, on numerous occasions, expressed the will to end her life with medical assistance. I neither had the maturity, or capability to help my mother, but even to this day I am haunted by the memory of her suffering. Please, I implore the senate to support Bill 1129. Thank you. Tom Odgers

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Dear Chairperson and committee members,

I urge you to vote no on SB1129. This assisted suicide bill opens the door to abuse of the elderly or infirm. Once a lethal prescription is written, an abusive caregiver or relative who stands to inherit from the patient can pick it up and give it to the patient in food or drink. Since no witness is required at the time of death, who would know if the patient consented?

If assisted suicide is made legal, it quickly becomes just another form of treatment. It will always be the cheapest option, especially in a cost-conscious healthcare environment. Barbara Wagner, an Oregon resident, was denied coverage for her cancer treatment but received a letter from the Oregon Health Plan stating the plan would cover assisted suicide. Another Oregon resident, Randy Stroup, received an identical letter, telling him that the Oregon Health Plan would cover the cost of his assisted suicide, but would not pay for medical treatment for his prostate cancer.

Those living with disabilities or who are in vulnerable healthcare circumstances have justifiable concerns should assisted suicide become an option. Financial pressure, peer pressure, and even pressure from uncaring family members can be placed on these individuals to take the suicide option. In fact, nothing in the Oregon or Washington style laws can protect from explicit or implicit family pressures to commit suicide, or personal fears of "being a burden." There is NO requirement that a doctor evaluate family pressures the patient may be under, nor compel the doctor to encourage a patient to even notify their family.

Oregon's data on assisted suicide is flawed, incomplete, and tells us very little. The state does not investigate cases of abuse, and has admitted, "We cannot determine whether physician assisted suicide is being practiced outside the framework of the Death with Dignity Act." The state has also acknowledged destroying the underlying data after each annual report.

Thank you for your consideration. Tracey Clay-Whitehurst, 91-1027 Hokuwekiu St. Kapolei 96707 (808) 754-7427

**From:** [Tuuli Suomala](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Supportive Testimony for SB 1129 SD 1  
**Date:** Friday, February 24, 2017 12:22:23 PM

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I am writing to state my support for this bill. I have recently had a life-threatening illness. While I did recover, I would want Medical Aid in Dying available to me should I ever been in the situation to need it.

Thank you,

Tuuli Suomala



**From:** [Valrie Griffith](#)  
**To:** [JDLTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** SB1129  
**Date:** Friday, February 24, 2017 9:35:59 PM

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As a tax payer and long-time resident of Hawaii I am writing to ask your support for SB1129.

My mother had terminal cancer and wanted so very much to end her pain and suffering.

SB1129 would have allowed her to consult doctors and if approved find a way to pass-on comfortably.

We (her family) suffered along with her and felt so useless and hopeless.

My mother was a wonderful woman and deserved to have dead with dignity.

Please pass this bill to help those who need it.

Mahalo

Valrie Griffith

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**SB1129**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Valerie Weiss	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This measure will allow those who prefer a dignified death at the time of their choosing to have that choice. Those who choose not to, have that option as well. Please allow us the opportunity to make that choice for ourselves if needed.

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Aloha Judiciary Committee!

I am writing to you on behalf of SB 1129 SD1. Having my own family members go through painful and excruciating illnesses and then death. I am asking for you to support SB 1129 SD1 and bring it to LIFE for us in Hawaii. I have watched my mother suffer for years, my grandfather reach out to me and ask me why he was being made to suffer and my brother ask me to help him make the pain stop. I think it's time for us as human beings to be able to take control of our suffering. No one really knows the pain that our loved ones are going through but I can only hope that you would not want your family members to go through what I have witnessed with my own.

This is not about politics or religion. This is about Quality, Humanity and Dignity of ones' Life.  
With warm aloha,  
Victoria Kibler  
Kailua Kona, Hawaii

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**SB1129**

Submitted on: 2/24/2017

Testimony for JDL on Feb 28, 2017 11:30AM in Conference Room 016

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Virginia E Hench	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this bill, passage of which will prevent unnecessary suffering for those who do not wish to be subjected to heroic end-of-life prolonging measures.

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I support this Bill. This would be my wish. My father died of prostate cancer and had to be on morphine the last few days of his life. He was bedridden for the last three weeks. I want to make the decision for myself.

Warren E Snyder  
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Kihei HI 96753

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**SB1129**

Submitted on: 2/26/2017

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Wayne Ching	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: While the measure appears to be intended for compassion, i am strongly opposed to this bill because it is much too exposed to misuse and will almost certainly result in the abuse of the elderly.

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**SB1129**

Submitted on: 2/25/2017

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Wendy Arbeit	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a humane option for people with terminal illnesses. Let their consciences and doctors be their guides(not some stranger with different beliefs).

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**From:** [Bill Metzger](#)  
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**Subject:** Medical Aid in Dying...SB1129  
**Date:** Monday, February 27, 2017 9:22:44 AM

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Thank you for accepting this testimony.

We fell very strongly that this bill deserves your support. As seniors in our 70's we want to have the choice to alleviate our suffering should our passing come to that stage.

Oregon has proved over the past 20 years that this kind of legislation cannot be abused.

Please give your vote to this Act.

mahalo and aloha,  
William Metzger  
Melodee Metzger

3120 Beaumont Woods Place  
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**From:** [William Desha](#)  
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**Date:** Friday, February 24, 2017 10:55:53 AM

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My brother past away from prostate cancer over 10 years ago. Till this day I remember him suffering and asking me why is it taking so long. He wanted to die and be free of all the pain and suffering. I would have given anything to help him. It was such a helpless feeling. Please pass this bill to help people that are suffering and for family members that struggle thru the agony of watching there loved ones suffer.

Sent from my iPhone

Testimony for SB1129 – Decision Making Meeting, 02-28-17, 11:30am, Room 016

By Wilma Youtz

Senators Keith-Agaran, Rhoads, Gabbard, Kim, and Thielen:

Thank you for your patience in hearing the impassioned testimony from both sides on the issue of physician-assisted suicide. This issue is so emotionally charged, for who in this room has not been touched by the sorrow and pain of losing a loved one to an untimely, if not difficult and painful, death?

Hawaii is the “Aloha State.” It is my deep concern that Hawaii not become a “Pro-Suicide State” for many reasons. Human life is precious, from keiki to kupuna. Our laws should serve to protect the lives of the weak and defenseless, not enable the unnatural demise of them. What safeguards would there be against coercion and elder abuse? How can doctors fulfill their oath to “do no harm” if they are called upon to prescribe and condone lethal medication?

There have been notable advances made by modern medicine in the area of pain control. Doctors can now treat pain in terminally ill patients with a number of options, including palliative sedation as a last resort. And yet studies done by the state of Oregon, the first state to legalize assisted suicide, report that patients choose assisted suicide primarily because of reasons related to disability -- loss of autonomy, being less able to engage in enjoyable activities, and loss of dignity -- not due to fear of inadequate pain management. Hospice Hawaii has helped countless individuals and their families cope with impending death with love, comfort, and dignity. Instead of sanctioning an irrevocable and deliberate means to end life through physician-assisted suicide, support should be given to organizations and services that can assist the terminally ill in addressing the psychological, social, and physical pain that disability can bring.

There are many reasons to oppose physician-assisted suicide. But the most profound reason can be found when one simply contemplates what causes and enables the human heart to continue beating from day 22 within an embryo until natural death. God knows the end of each of our lives from the beginning. Who would not want another year, month, week, day, or minute with a now-departed loved one? Let us seek ways to ease their pain without promoting their premature and unnatural death. I respectfully ask the Committee to vote “No” on SB1129.

Thank you for your serious consideration.

TO: The Honorable Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Karl Rhoads and Members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee

RE: SB1129

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

My name is Younghi Overly and a resident of Hawaii. I am writing to you to express my support for the Death with Dignity Act, S.B. 1129, Hawaii's proposed medical aid in dying legislation. Medical aid in dying is a practice in which a mentally capable, terminally ill adult with less than six months to live, may request medication from his or her doctor, if his or her suffering becomes unbearable, to take with water for example to bring about a peaceful death. Medical aid in dying is a safe and trusted medical practice currently authorized in six states, either through statute or court decision. Oregon has 19 years of experience with safe and trusted practice of medical aid in dying.

My mom was bedridden with illness for five years, last three of five years with a terminal lung cancer. She passed six years ago. Toward the end of her life, the pain has reached a point where she begged for help to die; she at times refused food and water in hope that starvation will kill her; she was depressed and often sobbed. Not only was this period difficult for my mom, it was difficult for my dad who wanted to help but couldn't; who found himself force-feeding my mom but wished he could just let her go. My dad was glad that he was able to take care of my mom daily last five years of her life but still regrets not being able to do anything for her when she just wanted to die in peace. I too regret not being able to help my mom.

I support the Death with Dignity Act, S.B. 1129 because I believe we should give a terminally ill person an option to end their pain and suffering when the time comes. This option would give peace of mind to the families which my family never had. I realize that my story is one of similar stories of thousands of citizens of Hawaii. So thank you for taking time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Younghi Moon Overly', written in a cursive style.

Younghi Moon Overly

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DATE: February 27, 2017

TO: State Senate  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith- Agaran

RE: SB 1129 Relating to Health (Death with Dignity)  
Date & Time of Public Decision:  
February 27, 2017, @ 11:30 a.m.  
Place of Decision: Conference Room 016

I am transmitting my personal opposition to SB 1129 after many years of study on the issue of physician assisted suicide (euphemistically called “death with dignity” for the following reasons:

**THERE IS NO CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO DIE.**

The U.S. Supreme Court has made it clear that there is no constitutional right to die. Vacco v. Quill and Washington v. Glucksberg.

The U.S. Constitution protects the rights of every citizen from deprivation of life, among other inalienable rights, without due process of law. 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, U.S. Constitution. Furthermore, the Hawaii State Constitution states in particular under Article I, Section 5, that “No person shall be deprived of ...life without due process of law....” From the foregoing, it is clear that there is a strong mandate in government to preserve life rather than to take it.

**THE STATE HAS FOUR LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSES TO OVERRIDE ANY INTEREST IN ENDING LIFE BY A PERSON ALLEGEDLY TERMINAL ILL.**

Since there is no “fundamental” constitutional right to die under either the U.S. or Hawaii State Constitutions, and assuming there is a “liberty” interest to die, the standard of judicial review of such a “liberty” interest to die is not one of “strict scrutiny” but a lesser non-fundamental “balancing of interest” standard. If a law impedes the exercise of a non-fundamental “liberty” interest, the law is subjected to a balancing test under which the court must weigh the non-fundamental “liberty” interest against the State’s asserted reasons for restraining such a “liberty” interest.

Since there is a non-fundamental “liberty” interest in a putative terminally ill patient to die, there are four (4) legitimate governmental purposes to override such interest. These purposes are (1) preserving life; (2) protecting the interest of innocent third parties; (3) preventing suicide; and (4) maintaining the ethical integrity of the medical profession.

**1. Preserving life.**

The Hawaii criminal statutes prohibiting suicide demonstrate the State’s interest in preserving life rather than taking it. Moreover, the State’s refusal to enact any crimes deserving of “capital” punishment whereby the State may execute those adjudged guilty of a capital crime demonstrates the State’s interest in preserving life.

**2. Protecting the interests of innocent third parties.**

Once a law is enacted which allows physician assisted suicide or death, the proverbial “slippery slope” becomes a reality. The Netherlands is a good example of how the Dutch reverence for life prior to and during World War II until the present date

degenerated into the Nazi's version of a facet of the "final solution" for the "suffering of incurable patients." See the reprint of New York Times article of October 8, 1933. The term, "Dutch treat" has taken on a new significance. Today, the elderly, persons with mental retardation, disabled persons, and the very young are all at risk.

During World War II, the heroic Dutch medical profession resisted the Nazis' attempts to coerce medical professionals into adopting Nazi medical practice, which included euthanasia. In an attempt to intimidate the Dutch medical profession, one hundred Dutch doctors were shipped to concentration camps in the East, from which few returned. But the courageous doctors refused to adopt the Nazi practices that included euthanasia, and it was the Nazis who gave up.

Seventy (70) or so years later, the Dutch medical profession has turned 180 degrees. Today involuntary euthanasia is practiced in the Netherlands, such that 3 Dutch citizens per day (over 1000 per year) are being "euthanized" without their consent (taken from the official Dutch government sponsored "Rommelink Report.")

Furthermore, it has been reported that today one-third of Dutch doctors are willing to euthanize mentally ill patients. See the Psych Central article attached hereto. Moreover, it was recently reported in the Netherland Times that an overzealous Dutch doctor forced euthanasia on an elderly woman with dementia without her consent, and in fact against her will. See the Netherlands Times article attached hereto.

Ironically, the former Dutch Health Minister, Els Borst, who was instrumental in having that country's infamous euthanasia bill enacted into law, admitted and regretted her role in the passage of that bill, and lamented the Dutch government "did not give



enough attention to palliative care and support of the dying.” See the Life Site article of December 2, 2009.

Additionally, it must be mentioned that the New York State Task Force on Life and the Law, which consisted of twenty four (24) professional and religious persons, studied the issues relating to physician assisted suicide and euthanasia. To their credit, they unanimously recommended that New York state retain its prohibition of physician assisted suicide and euthanasia because the Task Force concluded “legalizing these practices would be profoundly dangerous for large segments of the population, especially in light of the widespread failure of American medicine to treat pain adequately or to diagnose and treat clinical depression in many cases.” This unanimous decision was reached even though some of the professionals themselves personally felt that in certain cases there were overriding reasons to allow physicians to assist in terminating the lives of their patients. Even to this day, the NY Task Force maintains its opposition physician assisted suicide and euthanasia. See the updated report of July 27, 2009 attached hereto.

Interestingly, in its preamble, SB No. 1129 states, “This act is modeled on the Oregon statute and includes safeguards to protect patients from misuse”. It concludes “The legislature concludes that terminally ill residents of the State have a right to determine their own medical treatment at the end of their lives.”

However, presently, the Oregon legislature is considering the passage of Senate Bill 494, which would extend to “incompetent adults with dementia or mental illness who have not indicated that they want to starve to death” and transfer that decision to surrogates and the courts to make that determination to deprive such incompetent adults nutrition and hydration, among other things. In order to reach that decision, SB

494 has been amended to take away all of the safeguards currently in the Oregon statute that protect Alzheimer's, dementia and mentally ill patients who are conscious and able to eat and drink and who are not at the end of life stage, from being starved and dehydrated to death.

### **3. Preventing Suicide.**

Suicide is a serious problem among the youth and the elderly. Passage of any laws regarding physician assisted suicide would lead toward societal acceptance of any form of suicide, thus opening the door to the encouragement of suicide, whether intended or not, especially among the youth and the elderly. Societal attitudes toward life take on a whole different perspective when life and the worth and dignity of every person are devalued. Therefore, the State's attempts to discourage suicide would be undermined seriously.

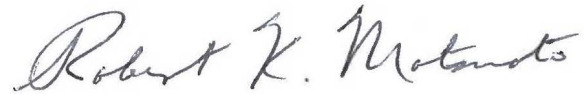
### **4. Maintaining the ethical integrity of the medical and health care professions.**

Enactment of any laws permitting physician assisted suicide will damage irreparably the ethical integrity of the medical and health care professions. Since it may be viewed as easier and less costly to permit physician assisted suicide than to treat and care for clients/patients who may need long term treatment and care, such worthwhile programs as hospice care and pain management would be the inevitable casualties of any laws permitting physician assisted suicide. Furthermore, given the pressures concomitant with the ever increasing pressure of rising medical costs, there would be a strong temptation to utilize the cheapest way to save on medical costs by way of physician assisted suicide and euthanasia at the expense of other worthwhile care and treatment which would prolong life.



Given the foregoing, you are respectfully urged not to pass out of committee SB  
1129 SD 1.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert K. Matsumoto". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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# [1933] Nazis Plan to Kill Incurables to End Pain; German Religious Groups Oppose Move

By The Associated Press

Front Page, New York Times, Oct. 8, 1933

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## **1 in 3 Dutch MDs Willing to Aid in Assisted Suicide for Mentally Ill**

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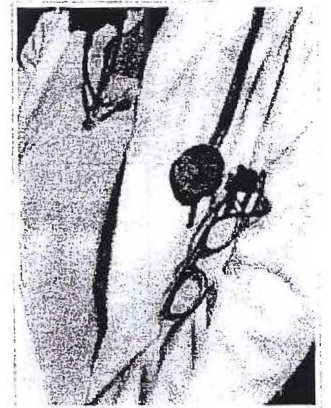
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A recent survey suggests that a significant proportion of doctors in the Netherlands are prepared to carry out assisted suicide for people with mental illness.

The survey was undertaken in 2011-2012 by Dr. Eva Bolt and colleagues at the EMGO Institute for Health and Care Research, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. They sent questionnaires to 2,269 randomly selected general practitioners (family doctors) and specialists in elderly care, cardiology, respiratory medicine, intensive care, neurology, and internal medicine. Of these, 1,456 completed the survey.

Respondents were asked if they had ever helped a patient who was suffering with cancer, another physical disease, a mental illness, dementia, or without a severe physical disease but was “tired of living” to die.

This showed that a large majority (86 percent) would consider helping a patient to die. Six out of ten had actually done so.





## Brain's Structural Balance

Overall, 77 percent (and more than 90 percent of GPs) had been asked at least once for help to die. Only a few of the respondents (seven percent) had actually helped a patient who did not have cancer or another severe physical illness to die, whereas over half (56 percent) had helped a cancer patient to die, and around a third (31 percent) had assisted someone with another physical disease.

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But feelings about euthanasia and assisted death varied for each health condition. The likelihood of helping was high for cancer patients (85 percent) and those with another physical disease (82 percent).

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For mental illness, only 34 percent would consider helping the patient die, and 40 percent would help someone with early-stage dementia to die. The rate was slightly lower for late-stage dementia, at 33 percent.

Just over a quarter (27 percent) would be prepared to help someone tired of living to die if they had a severe medical condition. But fewer than one in five (18 percent) would do so in these circumstances if the person had no other medical grounds for suffering.

Full results are published in the *Journal of Medical Ethics*. The current situation in The Netherlands is that euthanasia or assisted suicide is legally permissible “for those whose suffering is psychiatric/psychological in nature,” but it rarely occurs.

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The authors write, “Euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide (EAS) in patients with psychiatric disease, dementia, or patients who are tired of living (without severe morbidity) is highly controversial. Although such cases can fall under the Dutch Euthanasia Act, Dutch physicians seem reluctant to perform EAS, and it is not clear whether or not physicians reject the possibility of EAS in these cases.

“This study shows that a minority of Dutch physicians find it conceivable that they would grant a request for EAS from a patient with psychiatric disease, dementia, or a patient who is tired of living. For physicians who find EAS inconceivable in these cases, legal arguments and personal moral objections both probably play a role.”

Said Bolt, “Each physician needs to form his or her own standpoint on euthanasia, based on legal boundaries and personal values. We would advise people with a future wish for euthanasia to discuss this wish with their physician in time, and we would advise physicians to be clear about their standpoint on the matter.”

In The Netherlands, the “Termination of Life on Request and Assisted Suicide Act” took effect on April 1, 2002. It legalizes euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide under very specific circumstances. Several stringent conditions must be fulfilled including that “the patient’s suffering is unbearable with no prospect of improvement.”

This legal requirement, the question of unbearable suffering, was explored by a related team of researchers at Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre, the Netherlands. They state in the journal *Psycho-Oncology*, “Unbearable suffering is difficult to assess, so evaluation of the current knowledge of unbearable suffering is needed in the ongoing debate about the conditions on which EAS can be approved.”

They evaluated a range of definitions of suffering and studies on suffering, but “found no definition of unbearable suffering in the context of a request for EAS.” They also report that they “found no studies that brought together the views of the patients, relatives, and healthcare professionals.”

The experts propose their own conceptual definition: “Unbearable suffering in the context of a request for EAS is a profoundly personal experience of an actual or

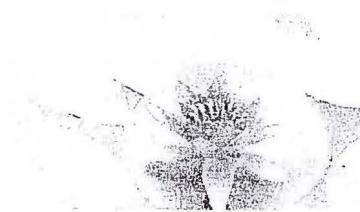
perceived impending threat to the integrity or life of the person, which has a significant duration and a central place in the person's mind.”

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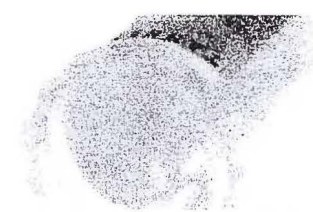
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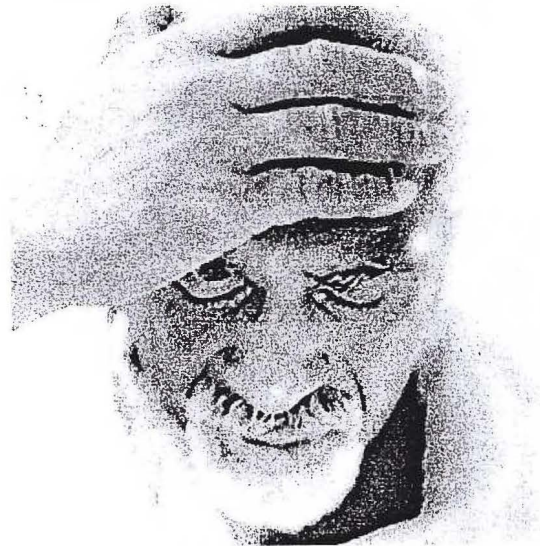


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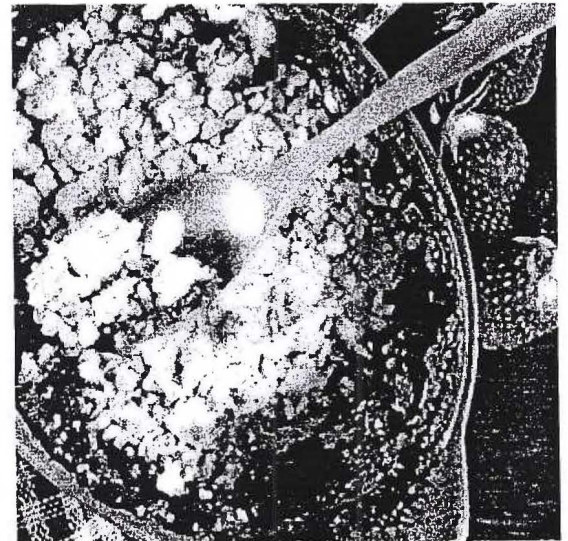


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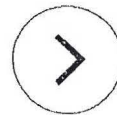




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## Euthanasia controversy: Doctor rebuked for helping uncertain woman die

By Janene Pieters on January 26, 2017 - 11:35



For the first time in Dutch history a doctor in the Netherlands was reprimanded for giving euthanasia to a dementia patient while it was not conclusively established that euthanasia was what the woman wanted at that time, Trouw reports. The implementation of euthanasia was also traumatic, the Regional Review Committee concluded, according to the newspaper.

The patient in question is a woman around the age of 80 years, suffering from dementia so far advanced that her husband could no longer cope with the care she needed. She had to be placed in a home. While the woman was still lucid she indicated that she definitely did not want to end up in a "home for demented elderly". She also stated in her will that she wanted euthanasia "when I myself find it the right time".

In the nursing home the woman spent her days frightened and angry. She wandered the halls of the home at night and missed her family. After a few weeks the doctor at the home determined that the woman was suffering unbearably and is no longer mentally competent, but that the declaration she gave in her will justifies euthanasia.

Euthanasia was performed seven weeks after the woman was admitted into the nursing home. To calm the woman down, the nursing home doctor gave her a first dose of sedative in a cup of coffee. A second dose was injected into her. She seemed to fall asleep. But when the infusion was inserted she "pulled back", and while the doctor injected the euthanasia agent, she moved as if to get up. The doctor decided to continue while family members held the patient down. The woman died shortly afterwards.

The review committee determined that the woman's declaration in her will did not clearly state that she wanted to be euthanized after being admitted to a nursing home. The words "when I myself find it the right time" does not take into account a situation in which the woman was no longer mentally competent. The committee can understand how the doctor read it as a well-considered wish, but still feels that it was too broad an interpretation.

The committee also concluded that the doctor "crossed a line" by giving the woman the first dose of sedative secretly - hidden in a cup of coffee. And that the doctor should have stopped at the woman's movements at the end. Even though it is possible that the movements were purely physical reactions, it can not be certain.

On other points, including the presence of hopeless and unbearable suffering and consulting other doctors on the matter, the committee found the doctor acted correctly and according to the rules.

In January last year the Ministries of Security and Justice and Public Health gave the green light to allow euthanasia in advanced dementia patients, provided that the patient left a written request for euthanasia while he or she was still lucid. Despite this, euthanasia is hardly ever granted to patients with advanced dementia.

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# Former Dutch Health Minister Admits Error of Legalizing Euthanasia

By Patrick B. Craine

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, December 2, 2009 (LifeSiteNews.com) - The former Dutch minister who successfully promoted the legalization of euthanasia has now admitted that the government's move was a mistake, and says that they should have first focused on palliative care.



Els Borst

Els Borst, who served as Health Minister for the Netherlands from 1994 to 2002, proposed the country's infamous euthanasia bill. When it passed in 2001, the Netherlands became the first country in the world to legalize euthanasia. In 2008, Dutch doctors reported 2,331 cases of euthanasia, 400 cases of assisted suicide, and 550 deaths without request.

Borst drew criticism from some Christian political parties shortly after the passage of her bill for comments she made in an interview. Echoing the Christ's final words on the Cross, Borst exclaimed: "It is finished!"

Now, however, she thinks the government acted too soon, as she told Dr. Anne-Mei The in interviews for the latter's new book on the history of euthanasia, entitled *Verlossers naast God* ("Redeemer under God").

The legalization of euthanasia came "far too early," Borst said, admitting that the government did not give enough attention to palliative care and support for the dying. "In the Netherlands, we first listened to the political and societal demand in favour of euthanasia," she said. "Obviously, this was not in the proper order."

Alex Schadenberg, executive director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, agrees with Borst that the Netherlands has been ineffective in providing proper palliative care. "Even today they still do not have effective palliative care in place in the Netherlands," he told LifeSiteNews.com (LSN).

"It's all good to say that," he said, referring to Borst's comments, "but what are they doing now to protect the vulnerable?"

"Now [euthanasia's] become socially accepted," he continued. "So how are you going to fix your mistake now, thank you? And how many thousands of people died because you didn't properly care for them? How many thousands killed?"

Dr. The, who has studied euthanasia for fifteen years, affirmed that the foreign perception of inadequate palliative care in the Netherlands is not unfounded. Further, she explained that in all her years, nearly all the doctors she has met struggle with euthanasia due to moral issues or emotional reactions.

Borst's regret over the situation in the Netherlands is particularly important given that that country has served as a model for euthanasia advocates in other countries. Schadenberg noted, for example, that Canadian MP Francine Lalonde, who currently has a bill before Parliament to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide, has "imported" the Netherlands' approach into Canada.

As in the Netherlands, Schadenberg explained, Canada "lack[s] the proper care for those either a) at the end of life, or b) experiencing disability or chronic disabling conditions."

"Without the proper care in place, is [legalizing euthanasia] not the wrong thing to be doing?" he asked. "Really what the debate in Canada needs to be about is how we care for all Canadians."

Schadenberg went on to point out the "slippery slope" occurring in the Netherlands, which the country's politicians deny, he says, through "a systematic cover-up." "How can you say there is no slippery slope in the Netherlands - knowing that you now allow euthanasia for newborns, and you went from originally just the terminally ill, [and] now it's also for those who are mentally ill?" he asked. "You have allowed your definitions to wander so wide that you haven't even noticed it."

Borst's comments, Schadenberg says, are "simply telling us: do not make the same error as the Netherlands."





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Reasoning:

"[W]e continue to believe that legalized physician-assisted suicide would be profoundly dangerous for large segments of the population. Even those who support the legalization of physician-assisted suicide, however, should be concerned about the premises on which arguments for legalization are based. Assisted suicide for relatively rare cases of unrelievable suffering should not be justified by arguments that undermine the right to refuse medical treatment, which affects virtually every individual who ever seeks out medical care. The legalization of assisted suicide should also not jeopardize physicians' willingness to administer effective medication for the treatment of severe pain, by claiming that death is an inevitable consequence of high doses of opioids, or by implying that physicians are legally and ethically accountable for the unintended harmful consequences of legitimate medical care. Maintaining the distinctions between assisted suicide, the refusal of treatment, and the use of high doses of opioids for the relief of pain, is essential to a coherent policy of end-of-life medical care. Conflating these issues may be rhetorically powerful for those who wish to legalize assisted suicide, but it will ultimately weaken the autonomy of patients at the end of life.

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The Task Force is currently the only standing state government commission in the United States with a mandate to recommend public policy on a range of medical/ethical issues. The Task Force seeks to forge a consensus on pressing questions and to translate that consensus into concrete proposals for public policy. Recommendations by the Task Force have led to new legislation or regulation on a wide range of issues, including the determination of death, decisions about cardiopulmonary resuscitation, the health care proxy, organ and tissue transplantation, and surrogate parenting. The work of the Task Force has also been cited by the United States Supreme Court in decisions on assisted suicide."

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Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2017; 11:30 a.m.; Conference Room 016

From Name and Address:

Martha Rodriguez  
538 Ohana Nui Ct.  
Honolulu HI 96818

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

I submit this testimony in strong **OPPOSITION** to physician assisted suicide under any description for the following reasons:

- Proper medical care includes only treating diseases NOT killing the patient
- Legalizing physician assisted suicide sends the wrong message to our troubled teens that suicide is an acceptable way to solve problems
- In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide
- Other: Absolutely immoral
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

  
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From Name and Address:

Ramona Loo  
94-283 Aaahi St.  
Mililani, HI 96789

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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- Other: It minimizes the sanctity of life

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From Name and Address:

Charlotte Rodriguez  
98-1481 Kaahumanu St "D"  
Aiea, HI 96701

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide

Other: God is the giver of life  
and death. Man has no right  
to make this decision!

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

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From Name and Address:

Roy Minayoshi  
98-351 Koaauka Loop  
Apt C 904  
Aiea Hawaii 96701

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

I submit this testimony in strong **OPPOSITION** to physician assisted suicide under any description for the following reasons:

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X

Proper medical care includes only treating diseases NOT killing the patient

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X

In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide

Y

Other: Living will

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

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From Name and Address:

MARLENE TAKARA  
98-1839 KILIKA PLACE  
AIEA, HI. 96701

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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- Other: SETS A POOR EXAMPLE FOR OUR YOUTH  
AND IS IN DIRECT OPPOSITION OF GOD'S LAW  
AND HAWAII'S ALOHA.

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

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From Name and Address:

FABIAN LEO  
PO Box 89-4607  
Mililani, HI 96789

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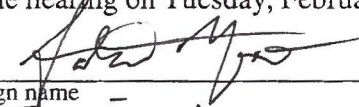
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In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide

Other: We long to honor those who  
gave so much to our future.  
Not to kill them!

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

  
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From Name and Address:

JoAnne Styger  
732 Sibley St.  
Honolulu, HI 96818

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Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide

Other: Every human life is so valuable  
to our society. They deserve our  
respect and honor!

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

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From Name and Address:

Mary Scarborough  
1015 Luehu St  
PC HI 96782

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Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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- Other: This could place pressure on patients to terminate life and not be a burden to family or caregiver

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

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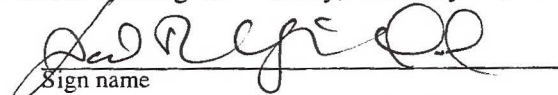
DAVID RIDDARSKJOLD  
46-007 PUULENA ST. #310  
KANEHOE, HI. 96744

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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- In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide
- Other: I HAVE KNOWN OF PEOPLE ON THE BRINK OF  
DEATH FROM TERMINAL CANCER DIAGNOSIS  
THAT HAVE SURVIVED TO LIVE HAPPILY TO THIS VERY DAY.

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

  
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Andrew Johnson  
94-415, Nui St.  
Mililani HI, 96789

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Other: It should be the doctors  
job to talk the patient out of  
suicide

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Other: I'm a nurse and a christian  
and I went to school with intention of  
helping the sick & dying & not to be involved  
in killing them

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Ludy Mettles  
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Joanna Wu  
98-1381 Hinu Pl  
Pearl City 96782

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- Other: We tend to encourage people to take  
thing in their own hands & see instant result.  
it seems to be an easy way out, but think about  
the consequences

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

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From Name and Address:

Donnie Crews  
959 12th Ave.  
Honolulu, HI 96816

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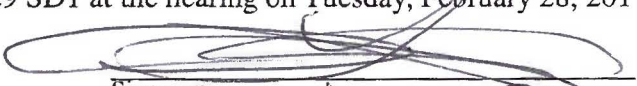
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In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide

Other:

It's morally wrong  
and evil.

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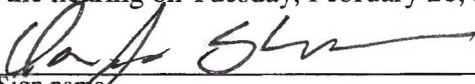
Douglas Shimomura  
99-227 Ohenana Loop  
Aiea HI 96701

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Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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- In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide
- Other: Assisted suicide is a Big Lie!

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

  
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From Name and Address:

Nanette Shimomura  
99-227 Ohehena Loop  
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- In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide
- Other: This is morally wrong and not  
thoroughly thought out. Like so many  
other laws passed it will backfire on us  
as it is not the true foundation of America

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

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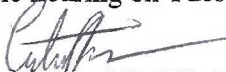
Cristina Peña  
205 Beard Ave  
Honolulu HI 96818

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Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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- Other: Sends the message that disabilities  
do not allow for a quality of life and  
can only be solved by termination

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From Name and Address:

Harold Higa  
1714 Mary Street  
Honolulu, HI 96819

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Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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- In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide
- Other: Life is precious. It is a gift from God.  
We should let God determine when life ends.  
Life is short compared to eternity. We should treasure it.

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Harold Higa  
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From Name and Address:

Mrs. Stefani Jeremiah  
91-2056 Pahuhu pl.  
Ewa Beach HI 96706

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

I submit this testimony in strong **OPPOSITION** to physician assisted suicide under any description for the following reasons:

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In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide

SJ

Other: it is a violation of our 1st  
amendment rights to freedom of religion

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Stefani Jeremiah  
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Bryan E Jeremiah  
91-2056 Pahuhu Place  
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Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2017; 11:30 a.m.; Conference Room 016

From Name and Address:

Gale K.L.Y. Fenna  
337-B1 Kalamas St.  
Kailua, HI 96734

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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- In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide
- Other: Family members may be motivated  
by greed to euthanize an elderly  
person and this bill makes it easier for  
them to do so.

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

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From Name and Address:

Mark + Melody Sebastian  
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- Other: could potentially allow murder  
by other family members,

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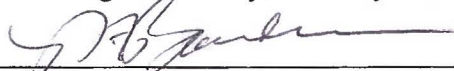
ROBERT F. BAUDRAN  
98-1772 A KAAHUMANU ST  
PEARL CITY, HI 96782

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- Other: As in many of these "contemporary ideas", it is but "give an inch, take a mile" slippery slope to total abandonment of human dignity.

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Kristin Takehara  
99-670 Kaulainakee Pl.  
Hico, HI 96701

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Other: This is in direct violation of the  
physician's oath and allows for  
irresponsible medical practice.

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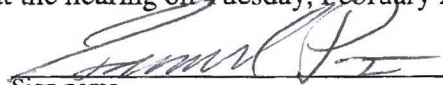
SAMUEL J MARISOL  
205 Beard Ave  
Honolulu HI 96818

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- Other: I have a son that has ideations of suicide.  
What message does this send to him that its  
okay to take your life. I don't want my son to  
follow your example

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

  
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From Name and Address:

Benjamin Press  
114 Ilima St  
Honolulu HI 96818

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In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide

Other: Absolutely immoral. I am embarrassed  
for this state to represent  
such ideologies

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CHRISTIAN SEARLE  
84-559 NUKEA ST.  
WAIANAE, HI. 96792

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- Other: OPENING THE DOOR FOR OTHER QUESTIONABLE  
MEDICAL PRACTICES WITH NO PHYSICIAN  
ACCOUNTABILITY

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- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Wilma Youtz  
2671 Ipulei Place  
Honolulu, HI 96816

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- Other: This legislation is unnecessary and opens the door to elder abuse, botched attempts, and encourages approval of suicide to our young people.

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

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From Name and Address:

Jacob O'Neill  
95-186 Hokuula Pl.  
Mililani, HI 96789

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- Other: This is an abuse of power to the  
Hippocratic oath to benefit a patient's  
survival & health... not death.

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

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From Name and Address:

Leslie Hill  
1331 Ala Kapuna St #308  
Honolulu HI 96819

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Other: Please consider the times in your life when you felt depressed or down. In would you make an incorrect decision (final) in a moment of weakness. At least you lived

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Leslie Hill  
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to tell your story!

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From Name and Address:

Riza Hall  
91-1140 Hualewa St.  
Ewa Beach 96706

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Other: I believe that there is always  
hope and respecting the  
sanctity of life and only GOD

can end or know when is the end of life.  
I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Rizalina P. Hall

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From Name and Address:

Lois L.S. Nakamura  
1109 Acaucia rd #122  
Pearl City HI 96782

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- Other: Exodus 20:13 Thou shall not kill.

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William E Talley  
2509 Ala Wai Blvd Apt 405  
Honolulu HI 96815

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- Other: Please don't bring this dark-  
ness in Hawaii

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From/Name and Address:

HEALANI UESATO  
91-211 HOANAWAULU PL  
KAPOLEI HI 96707

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- Other: you leave the ppl of Hawaii  
you know our culture is  
non suicidal - Really (JPL)

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

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JOSEPH SUMMERFIELD  
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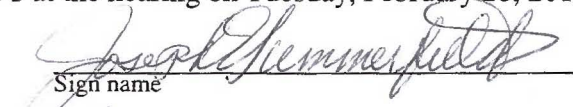
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Other: This bill will lead to other bad circumstances  
dealing with dying.

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.



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MELVIN UESATO  
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- Other: WE NEED TO LET PEOPLE KNOW  
THAT WE LOVE <sup>THEM SO</sup> AND <sup>1</sup>DOES JESUS CHRIST  
THEIR SAVIOR. ~~ALL~~ ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE  
DON'T GIVE UP ON OUR PEOPLE, AGAIN VOTE NO

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Melvin Uesato  
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From Name and Address:

Michal Straskraba  
94-1405 Polani St #W  
Waipahu, HI 96797

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- In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide
- Other: medical care should always be about healing life  
not terminating life!

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Michal Straskraba  
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Dexy Press  
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Honolulu HI 96818

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DJP Legalizing physician assisted suicide sends the wrong message to our troubled teens that suicide is an acceptable way to solve problems

DJP In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide

DJP Other: It is immoral to assist in such  
activity.

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From Name and Address:

Dawn A. Clark  
98-889 Kaamilo St.  
Area, HI 96701

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- Other: It is WRONG

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Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2017; 11:30 a.m.; Conference Room 016

From Name and Address:

LEIGH W. YANAGISAKO  
725 KALANU PL.  
HONOLULU, HI 96821

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

I submit this testimony in strong **OPPOSITION** to physician assisted suicide under any description for the following reasons:

- Proper medical care includes only treating diseases NOT killing the patient
- Legalizing physician assisted suicide sends the wrong message to our troubled teens that suicide is an acceptable way to solve problems
- In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide
- Other: ONCE SUICIDE BECOMES NORMALIZED, IT CAN AND  
WILL LEAD TO UNASSISTED SUICIDE AND EVENTUALLY  
INVOLUNTARY ASSISTED SUICIDE

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Leigh W. Yanagisako  
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LEIGH W. YANAGISAKO  
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From Name and Address:

SEAN MORINAKA  
1630 LIHOULIHO ST #1005  
HON., HI 96822

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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- In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide
- Other: belief in loving God

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

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From Name and Address:

Lani Opreescu  
354 OpiniKao Pl.  
Honolulu, HI 96825

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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Other: Places pressure on physicians to hold decision making <sup>to</sup> power about life and death beyond the pure <sup>directive</sup> goal of always practicing life sustaining medicine. Men and women who do not want this "responsibility" (power of life/death decisions)

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may not apply for medical school, thus reducing the pool of good medical practitioners & creating a pool of MDs who are one-sided in their approach to what many call euthanasia. This is dangerous.

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From Name and Address:

Jana Kimada  
94-1470 Kulewa Lp #1C  
Waipahu, HI 96797

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

I submit this testimony in strong **OPPOSITION** to physician assisted suicide under any description for the following reasons:

Proper medical care includes only treating diseases NOT killing the patient

Legalizing physician assisted suicide sends the wrong message to our troubled teens that suicide is an acceptable way to solve problems

In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide

Other: We should be a culture of promoting  
& sustaining life, not killing or  
taking life.

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Jana S. Kimada  
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From Name and Address:

DRAGOS N. OPRESCU  
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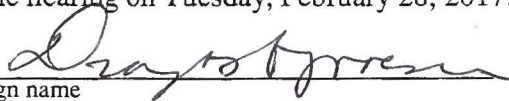
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Other: SB1129 WILL OPEN THE DOOR NOW FOR THE  
GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A DECISION ON WHO TO LIVE OR DIE  
BASED ON VARIOUS "MEDICAL" REASONS LIKE THE  
NAZIS AND COMMUNISTS DID

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Grant Kimata  
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Waipahu, HI 96797

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Legalizing physician assisted suicide sends the wrong message to our troubled teens that suicide is an acceptable way to solve problems

In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide

Other: As someone who has battled cancer I am  
still utterly opposed to physician-assisted suicide.  
Life is precious.

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.



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From Name and Address:

Angelina Blume  
94 Ilima St  
Honolulu HI 96818

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

I submit this testimony in strong **OPPOSITION** to physician assisted suicide under any description for the following reasons:

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- In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide
- Other: I believed there is always hope  
and respecting sanctity of life.

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Angelina Blume  
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From Name and Address:

J YAMADA  
2112 FERD ST #1  
HONOLULU HI 96826

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

I submit this testimony in strong **OPPOSITION** to physician assisted suicide under any description for the following reasons:

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- Legalizing physician assisted suicide sends the wrong message to our troubled teens that suicide is an acceptable way to solve problems
- In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide
- Other: ONLY OUR GOD GIVES LIFE, AND TAKES LIFE.  
THE LAW OF GOD.  
REFER TO THE BIBLE.

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

J Yamada  
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From Name and Address:

Joyce M. Sakai  
85-329 Imipono Pl.  
Waianae Hi 96792

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

I submit this testimony in strong **OPPOSITION** to physician assisted suicide under any description for the following reasons:

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- Legalizing physician assisted suicide sends the wrong message to our troubled teens that suicide is an acceptable way to solve problems
- In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide
- Other: This is the same as murder

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

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From Name and Address:

Suzanne T. Watanabe  
85-329 Imipono Pl.  
Waianae HI 96792

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

I submit this testimony in strong **OPPOSITION** to physician assisted suicide under any description for the following reasons:

X Proper medical care includes only treating diseases NOT killing the patient

X Legalizing physician assisted suicide sends the wrong message to our troubled teens that suicide is an acceptable way to solve problems

X In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide

X Other: Physician assisted suicide is simply  
a "nice" way of renaming what we

know as murder. Is this being attempted  
to assuage our consciences? Murder is murder  
I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. no matter

Suzanne T. Watanabe what it is  
called.

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From Name and Address:

Linda Meier  
4952-3 Kilavea Ave  
Honolulu, HI 96816

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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- In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide
- Other: suicide is killing

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Linda Meier  
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From Name and Address:

GRANT KOBAYASHI  
1230 HOOHULA ST  
PEARL CITY, HI 96782

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

I submit this testimony in strong **OPPOSITION** to physician assisted suicide under any description for the following reasons:

- la Proper medical care includes only treating diseases NOT killing the patient
- bc Legalizing physician assisted suicide sends the wrong message to our troubled teens that suicide is an acceptable way to solve problems
- bc In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide
- bc Other: My mother was deemed psychologically  
UNFIT TO MAKE PERSONAL AND MEDICAL DECISIONS  
AND IT IS WRONG FOR ANYONE TO SAY ITS  
OKAY FOR HER TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Grant Kobayashi  
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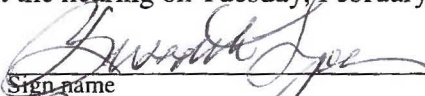
Bernadette Toyama  
96-309 Kalo St. DA  
Aiea, HI. 96701

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- Other: Because in the Bible it says "Do not Kill"  
Helping someone commit suicide is killing,  
and killing is a sin against God!

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

  
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Bernadette Toyama  
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From Name and Address:

David Yurtz  
2671 Ipulei Place  
Honolulu HI 96816

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Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide

Other: This is a terrible bill which will  
inevitably lead to other forms of  
euthanasia both voluntary & involuntary

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

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From Name and Address:

Sharyl Cowan  
91-1250 Kuanoo St  
Ewa Beach, HI 96706

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Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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- In Hawaii, we take care and love our Kupuna, we don't abandon them to suicide
- Other: life is valuable and <sup>how</sup> ~~who~~ we can  
we decide when it is no longer  
worth anything

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Sharyl Cowan  
Sign name

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From Name and Address:

CECIL COWAN  
91-1250 KUANOO ST.  
EWA BEACH, HI 96706

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Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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- Other: IT IS IMMORAL

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Cecil P. Cowan  
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From Name and Address:

Jolene Cardenas  
98-400 A Ponehale St.  
Area, HI 96701

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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- Other: Because in the Bible it says "Do not Kill"  
Helping a person to Kill themselves is wrong and  
is a sin against God!!

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Jolene Cardenas  
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From Name and Address:

JAMES & SON-OK LIPCHURCH, JR  
1352 ALA MAHAMOE ST  
HON., HI. 96819

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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Other: GOD CHERISH AND LOVE EACH LIFE  
THAT IS PRECIOUS TO HIM WHICH  
HE CREATED.

I urge you to vote no and kill SB1129 SD1 at the hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

James & Son-OK Lipschur  
Sign name  
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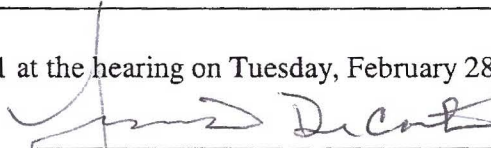
Francis & JESSIE DELCOTE  
5903 A GANNET AVE  
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- Other: none christiana

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 Francis, JESSIE  
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From Name and Address:

JURY J. GALLARDO  
PO BOX 30461  
HON HI 96820

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
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Other: Only Jesus have the authority on  
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Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2017; 11:30 a.m.; Conference Room 016

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Kelen Pacman 98-475  
Hoomailani st 96782  
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Jessica + Jason Riker  
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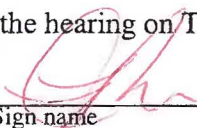
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91-1155 Kai'o'i'o St  
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1742 Hoochulu St  
Pearl City, HI 96782

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Kerwin J. Cannon, Jr.  
5070 Likini Street  
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June Kawamura  
98-1426 A Koaheake St.  
Pearl City, HI 96782

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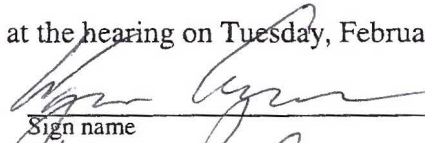
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From Name and Address:

Preston & Malia Makishi  
1255 Nuuanu Ave #E1608  
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From Name and Address:

Joseph + Linda Warne  
92-725 Kuhoho St.  
Kapolei, HI 96707

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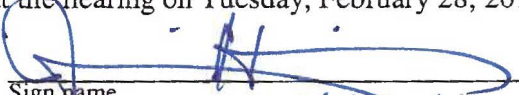


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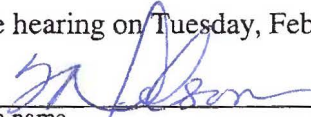
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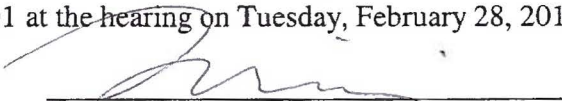
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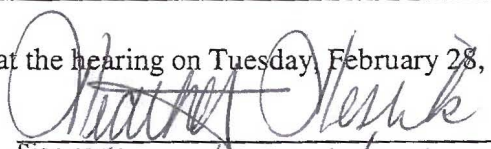
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From Name and Address:

Tyla Baudrau  
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JOEY MARQUEZ  
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Cheng-Yu Hsieh  
98-1073 Komo Mai Dr #A  
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RG. Huffman  
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From Name and Address:

Linda H. Windham  
98-611 Holopuni St.  
Aiea, HI 96701

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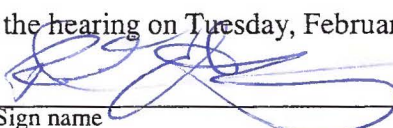
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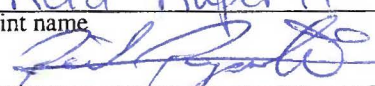
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From Name and Address:

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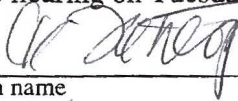
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From Name and Address:

Rubi Coronado  
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From Name and Address:


Raymond K Baez  
98-720 Nonakaupuni Place  
Honolulu, HI 96701

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Tarynn Firestone  
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David & Pam Fonoti  
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Giselle Llano  
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From Name and Address:

Chris Pope  
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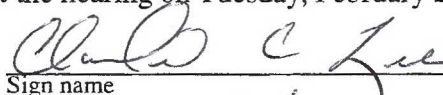
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Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2017; 11:30 a.m.; Conference Room 016

From Name and Address:

Nelia B. Quirocho  
5180 Likini St #1104  
Hon. HI 96818

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
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From Name and Address:

Pamela Marr  
95-307 Lanomea St.  
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From Name and Address:


Stephanie Lloyd  
91-876 Halalii St  
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From Name and Address:

Jodi Rosado  
PO Box 23102  
Honolulu HI 96823

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Jenelle Huffman  
94-1009 Maiau St A  
Waipahu, HI 96797

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Robert D. Windham  
98-611 Holopuni St.  
Aiea, HI 96701

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Tracey Clay-Whitehurst  
91-1027 Hokuwekiv St  
Kapolei, HI 96707

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Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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From Name and Address:

Leilani Chung  
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Honolulu HI 96817

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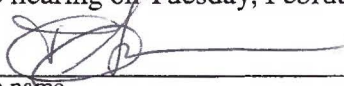
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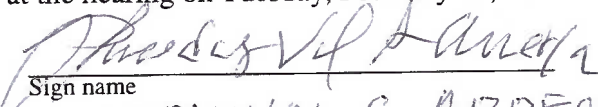
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Sandra EK Kobayashi  
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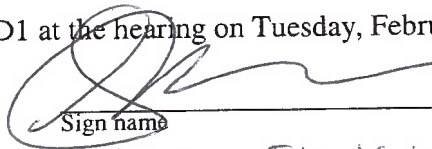
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JOHN DICKINSON  
1620 HOOKUAHUAHUA ST  
PEARL CITY, HI 96782

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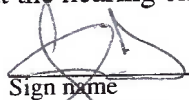
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Brenda Dickinson  
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Sonok Upchurch  
1352 Alama moe St  
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RHONDA AKIMOTO  
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Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
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Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2017; 11:30 a.m.; Conference Room 016

From Name and Address:

Madeline Higa  
98-470 Hoomalani Street  
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EDNA L. SCARBOROUGH  
1015 LUEHU ST.  
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From Name and Address:

Rodney Mawnakea  
94-500 Mulehu St  
Mililani, HI 96789

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From Name and Address:

Dennis Sakai  
85-329 Imipono Pl.  
Waianae, HI 96792

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From Name and Address:

*Regan Yamada*  
*95-1072 Inana St.*  
*Mililani, HI 96789*

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From Name and Address:

Linda Yamada  
95-1072 Inana St.  
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Melinda Roworth  
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HARRIET CARMODY  
98-453 HOOMAILANI ST.  
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From Name and Address:

PATRICK CARMODY  
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From Name and Address:

Emmanuel Correa  
4880 Kilauea Ave #1  
Honolulu HI 96816

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MARTIN L. SMITH  
1921 LILIKUA ST  
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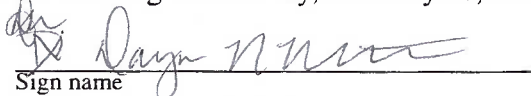
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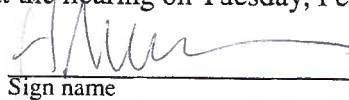
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Marylu Souza  
40 DOWSETT Ave.  
Honolulu, HI 96817

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From Name and Address:

JUSTIN MICHAEL CAITHWITMAN  
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MICHAEL WORELL CAHINAHAN  
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DORIDA O'NEILL  
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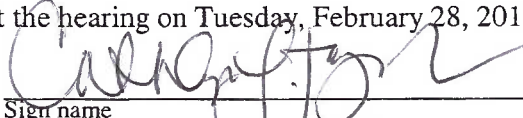
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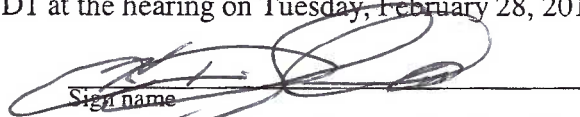
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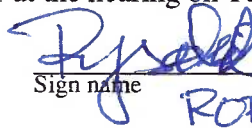
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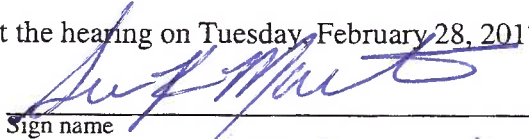
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Phillip Ikemoto  
2977 Ala Iliana St #305  
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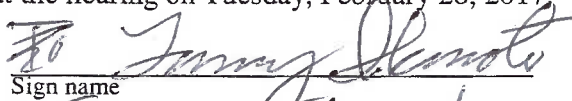
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Lillian Keever #404  
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DANITA STONEBRAKER  
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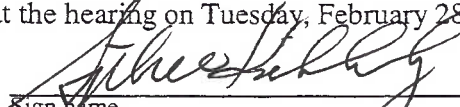
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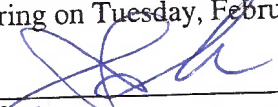
Sekyong Schotten  
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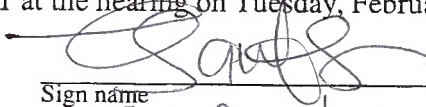
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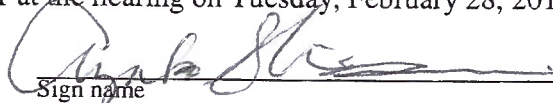
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From Name and Address:

William Stonebraker  
41-899 Kalanianaʻōle Hwy.  
Waimanalo HI 96795

Dear Senators Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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From Name and Address:

Keren Stonebraker  
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From Name and Address:

Yael Stonebraker  
41-899 Kalamianaoke Hwy.  
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Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

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Otto, Orraca  
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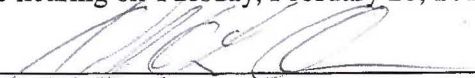
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Alma C. Orraca  
2841 Pule'e St.  
Wahiawa, HI 96786

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Vanessa Orraca  
2841 PUIPE ST.  
NAHIKAWA, HI 96786

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From Name and Address:


Joel Gauer  
98-928 Noelani St. B  
Perd City HI 96782

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AKIKO GAUER  
98 928 Noelani St. # B  
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Jeremiah Gaver  
98-928 Noelani St Apt B  
96782 Pearl City HI

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Barbara Jook CHo  
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Waipahu HI 96797

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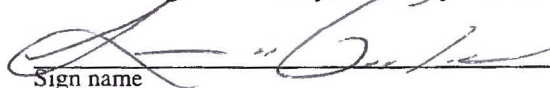
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From Name and Address:

Narcissa Seguin  
91-1001 Keauhou Dr. Unit 430  
Ewa Beach, HI, 96706

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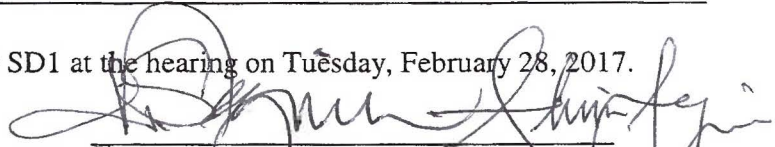
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CHRISTOPHER SEARLE  
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WAIANAE, HI. 96792

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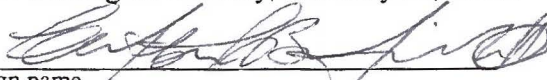
Clifton L. Burchfield, II  
98-148 Hekaha St.  
Aiea, HI 96701

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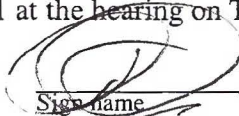
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From Name and Address:

D. CHUN JR.  
98-1271 HOOHIKI PL #A  
PEARL CITY, HI 96782

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Donald A. Chun, Jr  
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From Name and Address:

Simon Kalepa  
85-1237 Kaneohe St  
Waianae HI

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LAURENCE PELAYO  
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430 Kekaula St  
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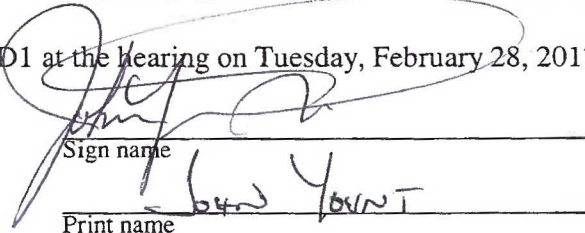
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Dawn L Yount  
436 Kekaulaokai St.  
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From Name and Address:

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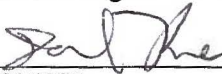
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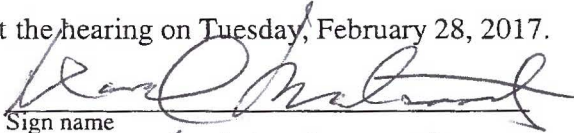
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From Name and Address:

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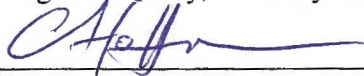
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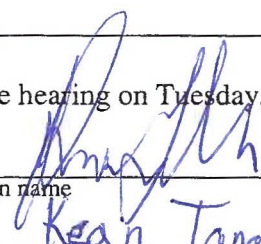
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Maria Martin  
45-746 Kamehameha Hwy.  
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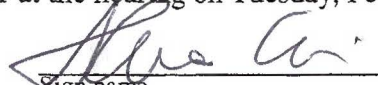
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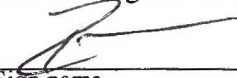
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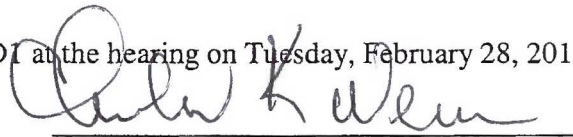
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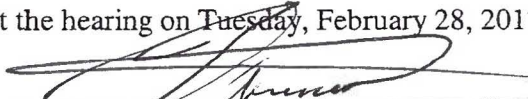
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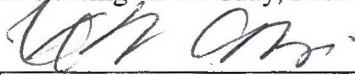
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Bridget Chavez  
1030 west Virginia st.  
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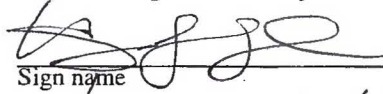
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Nelly Paekukui  
2949 Ala Ilima, #203  
Honolulu, HI 96818

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Denise Leatherman  
98-1716 Laeuhua Way  
Pearl City, HI 96782

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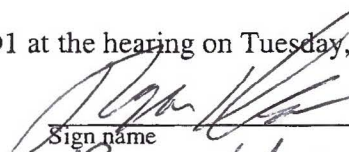
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Deborah Villoria  
94-211 Wahamana Pl.  
Waipahu, HI 96797

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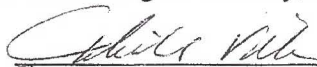
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Xiu zhen  
98-1430 Kaahumanu  
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From Name and Address:


Stephen C. Wilson Jr.  
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Pearl City, HI 96872

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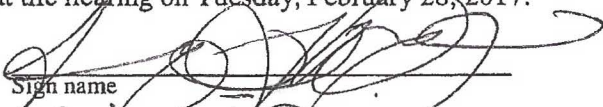
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-  Other: Ecclesiastes 7:17  
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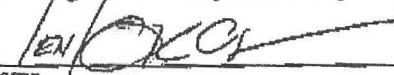
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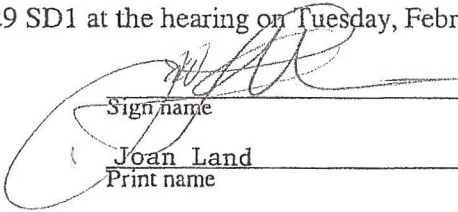
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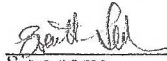
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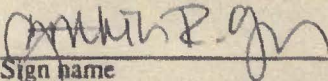
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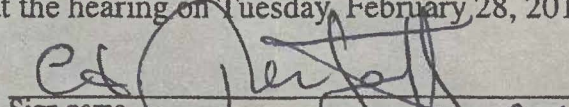
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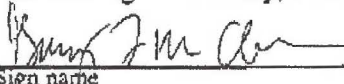
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Senator Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee  
I am against SB1129

**I've been there.**

I am Patrick Boland, and in 1998 my wife of 31 years, Carolina, died after a 6 year struggle with a neurodegenerative disease. The last year she was bedridden and nearly helpless. With the assistance of St Francis Hospice she died in comfort and in dignity.

I could give you pages of testimony about why 'death with dignity' (physician assisted suicide) is a bad idea. You do not have time to hear it, and others will have presented the arguments more articulately than I.

I will emphasize one point. If this bill is enacted, some people will feel pressured to take the lethal dose. I know. From time to time Carolina would be quite depressed about 'being a burden' to me and my family. It was hard to reassure her that she was not a burden. I am glad the suicide alternative was not available to her. It would have placed more distress on all of us as, with love for her family, she considered relieving us of the 'burden' of her existence.

Please hold this bill.





**To Senate Judiciary Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, Members Kim, Gabbard and Thielen**

**From Hawaii Representatives Ann Graham Chung, Brent Graham, and Jill Graham  
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## **Resolution Opposing the Legalization of Physician Assisted Suicide and SB 1129 Tuesday 2/27/17**

Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (TASH) - Disability Advocacy Worldwide, 1997.

In their 1997 resolution opposing the legalization of physician assisted suicide, the Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (TASH) provides a long list of reasons for their opposition to physician assisted suicide, including the negative aspects of allowing physicians to have such power, the insufficiency of proposed safeguards, and dissatisfaction with the implementation of safeguards in conjunction with euthanasia in the Netherlands. Internet publication URL: [www.independentliving.org/docs6/tash199712.html](http://www.independentliving.org/docs6/tash199712.html)

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WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court has determined that assisted suicide is not a constitutional right, but is an issue to be decided by the states; and

WHEREAS, bills to legalize physician-assisted suicide are currently pending before state legislatures; and

WHEREAS, no bill to legalize physician-assisted suicide applies to all citizens equally, but singles out individuals based on their health status in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS the legalization of physician-assisted suicide give physicians the power to decide who will be given suicide prevention and who will receive suicide assistance and is, therefore, not based on individual choice and autonomy; and

WHEREAS current trends in managed care and health care rationing threaten to diminish the availability of health care and related services needed by people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS people with disabilities and chronic illnesses may be driven to despair as a result of fear of being forced into a nursing home or institution, fear of being a physical or financial burden on their families, lack of information, about independent living option, and weariness from the daily struggle to get their legal needs met; and

WHEREAS, any proposed legal "safeguard" requiring that physician-assisted suicide only be available to terminally ill individuals who voluntarily request it will not protect people with disabilities from abuse; and

WHEREAS, numerous courts have ruled that people with non-terminal disabilities are the same as terminally ill patients in that the usual state interest in preserving life does not apply to them; and

**WHEREAS, many people with non-terminal disabilities are currently and repeatedly pressured to sign "do-not-resuscitate" orders and other advance directives calling for withholding and withdrawal of medical treatment; and**

**WHEREAS, there is no empirical data indicating that current laws concerning advance directives are applied on a nondiscriminatory basis; and**

**WHEREAS, over a decade of experience with these "safeguards" in the Netherlands demonstrates that significant numbers of people with non-terminal illnesses and disabilities have been involuntarily euthanized; and**

**WHEREAS enforcement of laws and regulations is unlikely in a social context which devalues people with disabilities as a drain on limited health care resources,**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, TASH opposes the legalization of Physician-Assisted Suicide.**

Adopted December 1997

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We thank you for this opportunity to share with you our concerns. Email us anytime.





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Senate Judiciary Chair Agaran, Rhoads, Kim, Gabbard and Thielen  
**We oppose SB1129**

The National Council on Independent Living (NCIL) is the longest-running national cross-disability, grassroots organization run by and for people with disabilities. Founded in 1982, NCIL represents thousands of organizations and individuals including individuals with disabilities, Centers for Independent Living (CILs), Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs), and other organizations that advocate for the rights of people with disabilities throughout the U.S.

NCIL has long opposed the legalization of assisted suicide. This is an extremely important issue to the disability community, because disability plays a large role in many end-of-life decisions. Whether individuals are making decisions due to aging, chronic conditions, or terminal illness, disability often accompanies these processes, resulting in functional losses that become pivotal in the decision-making process.

Individuals with disabilities and increased health needs are at a much higher risk for abuse, coercion, and exploitation. These risks are significantly increased by assisted suicide laws. Moreover, assisted suicide laws set up a double standard whereby most suicidal people get suicide prevention while certain others get suicide assistance. For those who are old, ill, or "disabled enough", society will not only agree that suicide is appropriate but will provide the lethal means to complete the act. This is blatant discrimination, and it must not be allowed.

Instead of legislation that makes it easier for people to end their lives, efforts should be taken to increase access to quality supports and services and provide equal suicide prevention. If you would like to discuss our position further, please do not hesitate to call (202) 207-0334 ext. 1104 or 808 934-7574.

Sincerely,

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To Senate Judiciary Hearing regarding SB1129. Chair Keith-Agaran, Rhoads, Thielen, Kim, Gabbard  
Please do not pass this bill out of your committee.

**Assisted suicide—Personal Choice or Public Policy?**

Most people I know find the idea of taking a pill to end their life a very comforting and appealing option. At first glance, I too would want to have all options available, were I tired of living. But that doesn't make legalizing assisted suicide good public policy.

As a public minded citizen and a person with chronic pain, I have been studying this issue and am horrified at what I have learned.

- 1) In the Netherlands, euthanasia is sliding down the slippery slope of "termination without specific request".
- 2) The protections in the Oregon law are essentially meaningless if the action was taken with "good intent".
- 3) Some HMO administrators consider assisted suicide a reasonable cost-containment strategy.
- 4) Doctors are often too afraid of liability to offer enough medication to effectively manage pain.
- 5) Many doctors know little about pain management or end of life care.
- 6) Many people don't know that suicidal depression, even that which often accompanies terminal illness, is treatable.
- 7) Many people—including doctors—are ignorant about disability and think that needing to ask for help is worse than death.

**I don't trust in our ability to write laws that are precise enough to guard against a poorly informed medical community or general public.**

It is time for the medical community to give serious attention to relieving suffering and improving quality of life for both those with long-term disease and those reaching the end of their lives. Give them a simple solution like euthanasia and they will stop struggling to provide better care. Legalization of assisted suicide is not the answer.

**I strongly oppose SB1129.**

Thank you,  
Linda Toms Barker

**Don W. Hill MD, F.A.C.P.****Opposition to SB 1129****To Senate Judiciary****Senators Keith-Agaran, Rhoads, Kim, Thielen, Gabbard,**

My name is Don W Hill, M.D., F.A.C.P. email address is [dhill@hhsc.org](mailto:dhill@hhsc.org). As Medical Director for the Hematology/Medical Oncology Department for MMMC, I am writing you this letter to express my concern regarding potential future state bills that may address the issue of physician assisted suicide. As a Medical Oncologist with 29 years of practice experience I believe patient assisted suicide is morally wrong and unnecessary. At this time, through the advancements made through hospice care we are able to provide comfort, dignity and pain free death for the majority of patients now afflicted with terminal illnesses. I believe patient assisted suicide, by whatever euphemistic title that may be labeled upon such action to be a dangerous and potential "slippery slope" that will devalue human life. Please recall Nazi Germany in the 1930's started a euthanasia program with the support of National Socialist physicians to eliminate terminally ill, elderly, and mentally challenged individuals. Although initially considered "good intentions" the dehumanization this caused spiraled into a broad policy of genocide. As a Medical Oncologist practicing in the State of Hawaii, I am vehemently opposed to any legislation that would allow the legalization of any law that would permit overt physician assisted suicide.

Sincerely,

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Testimony in OPPOSITION to SB1129

Senate Judiciary Chair Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Members Rhoads, Thielen, Kim and Gabbard,

Thank you so much for this opportunity to attend the hearing and to testify about this important issue.

My name is Fernando Ona and I have been a physician for over 47 years and 18 years here in Hawaii. I am retired from the VA and spend my free time on medical missions and teaching medical students at the University of Hawaii.

My opposition is from a human rights perspective. It is founded on the fact that physician assisted suicide is killing and the best antidote to killing is compassionate care.

The proponents statements that this is the will of the people only shows us how confused people are over the difference between providing palliation of pain—and assisting patients to kill themselves. There is a big difference.

I adhere to the culture of life and oppose strongly the culture of death environment emerging in recent years. I am against the disposable culture for human persons. Legalizing PAS is dangerous for the dying, dangerous for their families, dangerous for medicine and dangerous for society. Killing is not caring. We need to offer alternatives and we can't do that if we take this simple "fix" to the problem rather than serious consideration of its 'downsides'. There will be new victims and unintended consequences.

The American Medical Association does not condone the deliberate act of precipitating the death of a patient. Neither does the Hawaii Medical Association who has in no way admitted to support of this bill.

As one of the co-founders of Mount Carmel House in Rochester, NY in 1984, dedicated to provide a Home for the Dying and the Poor, my experience highlights the role compassionate care can play in a patient's life. I have observed patients who actually lived beyond the expected date of death with comfortable life and eventual discharge home. For this reason, you could be the cause of a cancer patient not receiving potentially lifesaving treatments and participating in healthy family, spiritual, and social interactions. Once the patient is dead, there is no chance for any recourse.

The AMA states the "social commitment of the physician is to sustain life and relieve suffering. A physician may do what is medically necessary to alleviate severe pain, or cease or omit treatment to permit a terminally ill patient whose death is imminent to die. However, he should not intentionally cause death". What is more rational and dignified—to have the patient killed who is suffering with pain or to more effectively ease that patient's pain?

Elder abuse is already a huge problem. You have heard that pointed out by others. Suicide is also a problem for teens and others. This bill cannot help those social problems and indeed will exacerbate them. This bill cannot protect patients from all manner of coercion. It cannot ensure patients or physicians competence. There is no oversight, no witness and it would allow medical professionals to lie on death certificates by instructing them to list the cause of death as the underlying disease, not the lethal drugs as we already see happening in other states who enacted this.

**This bill gravely endangers civil liberties.** Let's learn from those who have tried it and defeat the bill so residents of Hawaii never have to say 10 years from now...."Please Doctor, don't kill me".





To Honorable Members of the Legislature,

I am writing in opposition to bills including HB201 and SB1129 which, if enacted, would have the effect of legalizing Assisted Suicide and would hold harmless members of the medical community who participate in this process.

I am blind and have lived my life as a person with a disability. While I have been successful in my career, I can truthfully say that society still regards us as less than or second-class citizens. How much easier it would be for doctors and others involved with the care of persons with disabilities to accept that we already have a marginal quality of life.

I recognize that these issues can be very complex and emotional. I don't want it to be easier for people with disabilities to feel that they are a burden and that we should do the noble thing and opt out of life, when our health is failing.

While my political views are generally liberal, I cannot stay silent on this important issue. Ann Lemke Ph.D

### Statement on Assisted Suicide

The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) opposes the legalization of assisted suicide. AAPD fully supports the self-determination, competency, and the ability of people with disabilities to make decisions regarding all aspects of their lives. However, mistakes by health care professionals, widespread misinformation, coercion and abuse limit the opportunity for people with disabilities to make informed and independent decisions. In addition, the legalization of assisted suicide devalues the lives of people with disabilities and would create a double standard in our society: it would mean providing suicide assistance to individuals with disabilities and health conditions, as opposed to the suicide prevention services that we provide to others.

The abuse and coercion that has occurred in places where assisted suicide is currently legal provides strong evidence that no safeguards can be effective in ensuring that people with disabilities can make an informed and independent choice. Rather than legalizing assisting people with disabilities and health conditions to end their lives, AAPD believes we should focus our efforts on ensuring that home and community based services and supports and access to quality, comprehensive, affordable health care are available to ensure that people have options that enable them to live independently and with dignity.

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Hearing on Senate Bill 1129

Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on 2/27/17 in room 016

Senators Keith-Agaran, Gabbard, Rhoads, Kim, Thielen

We are writing to express OPPOSITION to this SB1129. Obtaining services for our members is hard enough as it is without adding another layer of stress to their lives—wondering if someone will feel they would be better off dead.

"As an organization dedicated to advancing the rights of people with disabilities to live independent, productive lives, assisted suicide is counter to everything we believe in."

Billy Altom

Executive Director, Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living

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# DREDF: Doing Disability Justice

To the Senate Committee on the Judiciary  
Senators Keith-Agaran, Thielen, Kim, Rhoads, and Gabbard

Please accept our **strenuous opposition to Senate Bill 1129**  
from our Hawaii Advocate Chris Niemczyk on Tuesday 2/27/17 in room 016.

The Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF) is a leading national law and policy center on disability civil rights. We have worked against assisted suicide laws, in Hawaii and across the U.S., since 1999. There are many reasons for our opposition, including:

- There's a deadly mix between our broken, profit-driven health care system and legalizing assisted suicide, which will be the cheapest so-called treatment. Direct coercion is not even necessary. If insurers deny, or even merely delay, expensive live-saving treatment, the person will be steered toward assisted suicide. Will insurers do the right thing, or the cheap thing?
- Elder abuse, and abuse of people with disabilities, is a rising problem. Where assisted suicide is legal, an heir (someone who stands to inherit from the patient) or abusive caregiver may steer someone towards assisted suicide, witness the request, pick up the lethal dose, and even give the drug—no witnesses are required at the death, so who would know?
- Assisted suicide bills provide only very weak safeguards.
- Diagnoses of terminal illness are often wrong, leading people to give up on treatment and lose good years of their lives, and endangering people with disabilities, people with chronic illness, and other people misdiagnosed as terminally ill.
- People with depression and other psychiatric disabilities are at significant risk.
- The state oversight & data collection are grossly insufficient.
- Supporters of doctor-prescribed suicide always say this proposal won't affect people with disabilities. But it will, whether or not they realize it.

For any further questions we are at all times available

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Honorable Chair Senator Keith-Agaran, Rhoads, Thielen, Gabbard, and Kim

**I am in strong opposition to SB1129**

I was recently in Washington DC and I visited the National Holocaust Museum for the second time. I feel it is part of my duty to bear witness to the Nazi inhumanity. What is most disturbing to me is that Germany was supposedly one of the most civilized and modern regions of the world and look what happened so rapidly. And it began in the medical community with physician abuse of power.

Physicians have the duty to safeguard human life, especially life of the most vulnerable: the sick, elderly, disabled, poor, ethnic minorities, and those whom society may consider the most unproductive and burdensome. Physicians are to use all knowledge, skills and compassion in caring for and supporting the patient. Medicine and physicians are not to intentionally cause death. The patient-physician trusting relationship is the most important asset of physicians and is for the protection of patients.

- Doctor assisted suicide undermines trust in the patient-physician relationship
- Doctor assisted suicide changes the role of the physician in society from the traditional role of healer to that of the executioner
- Doctor assisted suicide endangers the value that society places on life, especially for those who are most vulnerable and who are near the end of life.

**I am an HMA member and the HMA does not support assisted suicide or euthanasia. The AMA opposes assisted suicide and euthanasia. This HMA neutrality stance means nothing more than an appearance of approval where there is none. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.**

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**Opposition to SB1129**

Senate Judiciary Chair Keith Agaran, Members Rhoads,  
Gabbard, Kim, Thielen

I sincerely hope you haven't made up your minds already on  
this dangerous bill.

Assisted Suicide is ultimately a withdrawal from the harder  
path of compassion. Modern medicine is able to relieve pain,  
treat depression, and provide hospice and palliative care so  
that your last days can have value. Our pledge is to help  
make sure life does not lose its dignity, even in the last  
moments. It is about life and hope.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

**Reginald Buesa MD  
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As a physician, I oppose assisted suicide SB1129

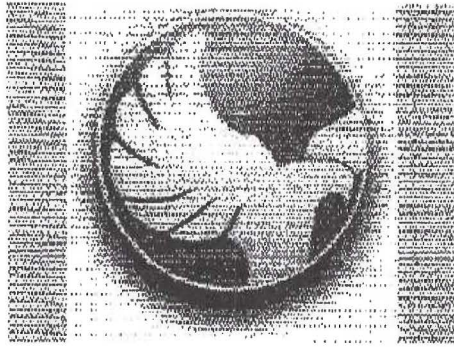
Honorable Chair of the Judiciary Committee Gilbert Keith Agaran and members,

In an era when medical care can be driven by cost concerned, assisted suicide is dangerous. Suicide is not simply one more end of life choice. It would change the nature of all choices and restrict good medical care. Suicide is cheaper than good care, but it is not compassionate. Abuses could not be prevented, no matter how carefully legislatures try to craft safeguard. And these abuses would fall on the weakest, sickest, poorest, and most vulnerable.

This is about life and living it to its fullest, not buying into a scare tactic regarding pain and suffering which is not why people in other states who have this option available actually use it.

Thank you for listening to my concerns  
Reginal Buesa MD





## New Hope Christian Fellowship

**Senate Judiciary Chairman Keith-Agaran and Members**

Thank you for this opportunity to express my strong opposition to SB 1129

People can commit suicide at will, but by having a physician endorse it will communicate a message this is incorrect and destructive. I am opposed to the PAS bill first because:

1. It gives an inordinate amount of authority to an attending physician (or to two physicians) to make final determination that a person will die within six months. There are several in our congregation who were given three to six months to die, and they are still in our congregation five years later. A physician will have to play to the role of God to conclusively determine the timeline of a person's life, regardless of how conclusive a diagnosis may seem at a given time.
2. Secondly, they will need to conclusively determine that a person is of "sound mind". When persons are diagnosed with a terminal illness, they will many times go through a season where they feel resigned to dying. Then with a lost hope, they have suicidal tendencies. However, once they get through this period, their lives can regain momentum and oftentimes they beat the odds.
3. Physician's assisted suicide preempts this possibility of health. It also might be so premature that we can erroneously make a permanent decision based on a temporary health situation.

Thank you for your consideration and I ask you to vote "NO" on SB1129.

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**Opposition to SB1129 from Dr. Gamboa**

**Judiciary Chairman Agaran and committee**

**Assisted suicide is an idea as old as medicine itself. 2,500 years ago the Hippocratic Oath was conceived to end patient distrust of doctors who had become both healers and killers. Let us not revert to practice that was common in those ancient times. Hopefully we are more enlightened today.**

**Please consider those who would ultimately be harmed by this practice, not just those made dead, but the living who bear the burden of that death.**

**Look over the attached sheet. You will see why safeguards won't work.**





## When Death is Sought Assisted Suicide in the Medical Context

From The New York State Task Force on Life and the Law

### The Risks of Legalization

We continue to believe that the profound dangers associated with legalizing Physician-Assisted Suicide (PAS) outweigh any benefits such a change in law might achieve in isolated cases.

- **Undiagnosed or untreated mental illness.** Many individuals who contemplate suicide, including the terminally ill, suffer from treatable mental disorders, most commonly clinical depression. Physicians routinely fail to diagnose and treat these disorders, particularly among patients at the end of life. Many requests are likely to be granted, even though they do not reflect a competent, settled decision to die.
- **Improperly managed physical symptoms.** Requests for assisted suicide are highly correlated with unrelieved pain and other discomfort of physical illness and are often grossly under-treated in current clinical practice. Physicians are likely to grant requests for assisted suicide from patients in pain before all available options to relieve the pain are thoroughly explored.
- **Insufficient attention to the suffering and fears of dying patients.** Suicide may seem the only solution to profound existential suffering, feelings of abandonment, or fears about the process of dying. While psychological, spiritual, and social support – particularly comprehensive hospice services – can often address these concerns, many individuals do not receive these interventions. They are likely to seek assisted suicide because their suffering and fears have not been adequately addressed.
- **Vulnerability of socially marginalized groups.** No matter how carefully any guidelines for PAS are framed, the practice will be implemented through the prism of social inequality and bias that characterizes the delivery of services in all segments of our society. PAS will pose the greatest risk to the poor, elderly, isolated, members of minority groups, or those who lack access to good medical care.
- **Devaluation of the lives of the disabled.** A physician's reaction to a patient's request for suicide assistance is likely to depend heavily on the physician's perception of the patient's quality of life. Physicians, like the rest of society, may devalue the quality of life of individuals with disabilities and be particularly inclined to grant requests for suicide assistance from disabled patients.
- **Sense of obligation.** Legalizing assisted suicide would send a message that suicide is a socially acceptable response to terminal or incurable disease. Some patients are likely to feel pressured to take this option, particularly those who feel obligated to relieve their loved ones of the burden of care. Those patients who do not want to commit suicide may feel obligated to justify their decision to continue living.
- **Patient deference to physician recommendations.** Physicians typically make recommendations about treatment options, and patients generally do what physicians recommend. If implied that PAS is "medically appropriate," some patients will feel they have few alternatives but to accept the recommendation.
- **Increasing financial incentives to limit care.** PAS is far less expensive than palliative care at the end of life. As medical care shifts to capitation systems, financial incentives to limit treatment may influence the way the option of PAS is presented to patients or the range of alternatives they can obtain.
- **Arbitrariness of proposed limits.** Once society authorizes PAS for competent, terminally ill patients experiencing unrelievable suffering, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to contain the option to such a limited group. Individuals not competent, not terminally ill, or who cannot self-administer lethal drugs will also seek the option of PAS, and no principled basis will exist to deny them this right.
- **Impossibility of developing effective regulation.** Clinical safeguards proposed to prevent abuse and errors are unlikely to be realized in everyday medical practice. Moreover, the private nature of these decisions would undermine efforts to monitor physicians' behavior to prevent mistake and abuse.

*When Death is Sought: Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia in the Medical Context*

(New York: The New York State Task Force on Life and the Law, 1994). <http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/provider/death.htm>