

Testimony in opposition to 2017 Hawaii bill to legalize assisted suicide

Hawaii Bill SB 1129 SD 2: “Choice” is a Big Fat Fib

No Assisted Suicide

No Euthanasia

Highlights:

- The act is sold as providing a voluntary patient choice, but doesn't even have a requirement of voluntariness, capability or consent when the lethal dose is administered.
- People who ask about the act will lose their right to informed consent: They will lose the right to be told about alternatives for cure.
- The claim that self-administration is required is not true. The act says that a patient “may” self-administer the lethal dose. There is no language that administration “must” be by self-administration.
- Administration of the lethal dose is allowed to occur in private without a doctor or witness present. If the patient objected or even struggled, who would know?
- The death certificate is required to list a terminal disease as the cause of death. The significance is that prosecution will not be possible, no matter what the facts. The death will be a terminal disease (not murder) as a matter of law.
- Enactment will create the perfect crime to put older people in the crosshairs of their heirs and other predators.
- Elder abuse is already a not-well-controlled problem. Passing the proposed act will make the situation worse.

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