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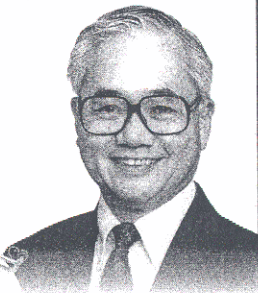
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AN URGENT LIFE OR DEATH MESSAGE FROM MEDICAL DOCTORS ACROSS HAWAII

LEGALIZED ASSISTED SUICIDE IS BAD MEDICINE FOR HAWAII

OUR THOUGHTS ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE:

- One of the first stipulations of our oath is do no harm.
- As physicians with expertise in cancer, pain management and comfort care, we're committed to ensuring our patients experience both life and death with dignity, but legalizing physician assisted suicide is not death with dignity.
- Death with dignity means dying comfortably with one's pain under control. It means the right to refuse unwanted treatment. It means dying at the place of one's choosing. It doesn't mean abandonment through assisted suicide.
- Physician assisted suicide would destroy the basis of trust in the physician - patient relationship.
- Physician assisted suicide would create subtle pressure on vulnerable people to 'check out early' in order to not burden loved ones.
- Physician assisted suicide would lead to abuse and coercion, and when there are mistakes - and there will be mistakes - they can't be taken back.
- Many patients have a prognosis of numerous possibilities, but outside pressures or momentary emotions can force a decision they really don't want to make. There is no second chance or recourse with suicide.

ASSISTED SUICIDE IS BAD MEDICINE FOR HAWAII THAT'S WHY ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS LISTED BELOW OPPOSE IT'S LEGALIZATION.

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| HAWAII MEDICAL ASSOCIATION | HAWAII CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING | HAWAII FAMILY FORUM |
| HAWAII NURSES ASSOCIATION | ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE | HAWAII RIGHT TO LIFE |
| HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII | HAWAII CATHOLIC CONFERENCE | NOT DEAD YET (Disability Rights Organization) |
| | HAWAII CANCER PAIN INITIATIVE | |

This topic may come up in the current legislative session.

JOIN US IN ASKING OUR LEGISLATURE TO SAY NO TO LEGALIZED ASSISTED SUICIDE

CALL YOUR LEGISLATORS TO OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE.

HAWAII'S PARTNERSHIP FOR APPROPRIATE AND COMPASSIONATE CARE