

# Hawaii's Partnership for Appropriate & Compassionate Care (HPACC)

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For the House Committee on Health

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**To:** House Committee on Health  
The Honorable Dennis Arakaki, Chair  
The Honorable Josh Green, Vice-Chair,

**From:** Kelly M. Rosati, JD  
Coordinator

**Re:** **STRONG OPPOSITION TO HB 1454, death with dignity**

Hawaii's Partnership for Appropriate and Compassionate Care (HPACC) was formed in 1998 by the Hawaii Medical Association and Hawaii Family Forum in response to the recommendations of Governor Cayetano's Blue Ribbon Panel on Living and Dying with Dignity. (Panel) The Panel recommended legalizing not only physician assisted suicide, but active euthanasia as well.

HPACC is a coalition of health care, disability rights and faith based organizations united in our opposition to legalized physician assisted suicide and in our support for improving end-of-life care in Hawaii.

Many of the individual member organizations of HPACC will be testifying today against HB 1454, each from their unique perspectives.

Much has changed since the issuance of the Panel report in 1998. Attached is a summary of just some of the improvements in end-of-life care in Hawaii over the last several years.

The members of HPACC urge you to reject HB1454. Mahalo for your kind consideration.

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