

## 2003 Highlighted Efforts of Hawaii Family Forum

- ◆ **PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE:** Hawaii Family Forum (HFF) organized a mass media campaign to block the effort to legalize physician-assisted suicide (PAS) in Hawaii. No legislation on PAS was heard during the 2003 session. The battle, however, is not over—proponents will be back in force in 2004.
- ◆ **AGE OF CONSENT:** The age of consent in Hawaii was PERMANENTLY set at 16 by the signing of HB 562 by the Governor on May 19, 2003. Both the executive director and director of communications was in attendance at the signing.
- ◆ **COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION:** HFF continued to work with Sisters Offering Support to enact laws protecting minors from commercial sexual exploitation in strip clubs. HB 1198 HD 2 SD 2 was signed by the Governor on May 19, 2003. HFF staff were present at the signing ceremony.
- ◆ HFF continued to coordinate the efforts of **Hawaii's Partnership for Appropriate & Compassionate Care (HPACC)** a coalition which includes the Hawaii Medical Association and various other medical, disability rights, and pro-life groups.
- ◆ **GAMBLING:** Helped stop the effort to legalize gambling in the State of Hawaii. Hawaii remains only one of two states without any form of legalized gambling.