

HAWAII FAMILY FORUM

Physician Assisted Suicide

Legislative Update

March 8, 2002

PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE PASSES HOUSE DESPITE STRONG BI-PARTISAN OPPOSITION *Senate Health Committee Head Matsuura says "NO" to Senate Hearing!!*

On Thursday, March 7, 2002, after 2 1/2 hours of excellent debate, the House of Representatives passed HB 2487, which would legalize physician assisted suicide. There was strong, bipartisan opposition with 20 NO votes (another NO vote was absent - Pendleton) and 6 yes votes, with reservations.

Yes		Yes with Reservations		No	
<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>	<u>Democrats</u>	<u>Republicans</u>
Case	Jaffe	Arakaki	Djou	Abinsay	Auwa'e
Chang	Marumoto	Kawakami		Ahu Isa	Bukoski
Garcia	Theilen	Lee		Cabreros	Davis
Hale		Souki		Espero	Fox
Hamakawa		Yoshinaga		Kahikina	Gomes
Hiraki				Magaoay	Halford
Ito					Leong
Kanoho					McDermott
Luke					Meyer
Morita					Moses
Nakasone					Ontai
Oshiro, B.					Rath
Oshiro, M.					Stonebraker
Saiki					Whalen
Say					
Schatz					<u>Excused</u>
Suzuki					Pendleton
Takai					
Takamine					
Takumi					
Yonamine					

Although it appears these bills will probably be killed in the Senate, we cannot be sure and therefore, we **must act now**.

1. Contact your Senator to let him/her know that you **oppose any form of physician-assisted suicide** in Hawaii.
2. Contact your Representative and thank him or her for voting NO to physician-assisted suicide.

Hawaii Family Forum believes in death with dignity through better end-of-life care and pain management ? **NOT PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE!**

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