

# HAWAII FAMILY FORUM

## Physician Assisted Suicide

### *Legislative Update*

March 18, 2002

## **DEATH WITH DIGNITY BILL**

***Headed for hearing by Health & Human Services!!!***

**Wednesday, March 20, 2002**

**1:00 p.m. Conference Room #225**

### **BRIEF HISTORY:**

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.

HB 2487 HD1 proposed SD1, the newly restructured bill, is the one scheduled for hearing.

### **CONTINUED ACTION WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

- 1- Pray that the Legislature will defeat all attempts to legalize physician-assisted suicide.
- 2- Contact your Senator to let him/her know that you ***oppose any form of physician-assisted suicide*** in Hawaii.
- 3- Tell your Senator that you believe in death with dignity through better end-of-life care and pain management ? **NOT PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE!**
- 4- If you do not know who your Senator is, or, if you would like more information on this issue - please call us at 230-2100.

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