

Reject SB 261

“Choice” is a Big Fat Fib

No Assisted Suicide

No Euthanasia

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Highlights:

- SB 261 applies to people with years or decades to live.
- Enacting the bill will encourage people with years or decades to live to throw away their lives.
- The bill is sold as providing a voluntary patient choice, but doesn't even have a requirement of voluntariness or consent when the lethal dose is administered.
- Assisting persons can have their own agendas: an adult child wanting an inheritance; a financial predator seeking financial gain; or a doctor wanting to hide malpractice.
- Administration of the lethal dose is allowed to occur in private without oversight. No doctor, not even a witness is required to be present. If the patient objected or even struggled, who would know?
- Elder abuse is already a not well controlled problem. Passing SB 261 will make it worse.
- * The death certificate will list a terminal condition as the official cause of death. This will prevent prosecution for murder, no matter what the facts.
- * The bill, if passed, will create the perfect crime.
- Physician-assisted suicide, even where voluntary, can be traumatic for patients and families.

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