



Testimony to the M.G.A (Feb./Mar. 2025) is respectfully submitted on behalf of the nationwide Association of American Physicians and Surgeons – in opposition to HB 1328/SB 0926 by Dr. James Kelly-physician and psychiatrist for 39 years. The American Medical Association's - AMA code of medical ethics specifically states **“Physician- assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer ...Instead of engaging in assisted suicide physicians must aggressively **respond to the needs** of the patient “**. This bill legitimizes abandoning the physicians’ Hippocratic oath and medical ethics against abusing or harming patients.

HB 1328/SB 0926 is **NOT** about providing compassionate care options or providing autonomy to suffering people. With all of the government, veterans, public and private efforts to prevent suicide- Last year there were about **50,000 suicides** in America -that means about every **11 seconds** someone kills themselves. The options, means, methods, time and place of suicide have always been available and under the control of each individual.

Research has proven that most people seeking legal assisted suicide -do so for emotional, social and financial reasons such as depression, feeling unloved, unwanted or a burden and **NOT** due to physical illness terminal illnesses, or unbearable pain. They **want to live -until** they become depressed, feel **unloved and a burden** to their family.

Research has shown that suicide tends to be “**contagious**” and that children of parents who suicide have a 300% increase of suicide. So **suicides increase** in states after legalizing physician-assisted suicide.

Promoters of assisted suicide falsely claim that all people suffering from depression or any mental illness will be referred to a “mental health care provider” for a “mental health assessment”. But **only 1%- 3%** of patients in Oregon get any mental health assessment-and if ever done are usually NOT done by experts.

Proponents of this bill claim that this bill provides plenty of adequate safeguards- but they know very well that those **hypothetical safeguards** will be reinterpreted, challenged in court, changed and **eliminated** and will be at best only briefly temporary.

I treat many **incarcerated patients in MD jails**. MD outlawed the death penalty for violent murders-as cruel and inhumane.

HB 1328/SB 0926 effectively reestablishes the death penalty for law abiding citizens, by authorizing the use of the same deadly cruel and inhumane drugs used for the death penalty. The incarcerated are vulnerable. They have less choices and control over their healthcare.

It will always be cheaper to substitute **DEATH** in place of medical treatment. This bill is about replacing helpful treatments with DEATH. The net result will new MD-based **for-profit - government- approved suicide industries**. It will legitimize denying care to people and encouraging suicides in an effort to **save money and increase profits**.

The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons respectfully requests that you **DO NOT** give doctors or” providers” or the healthcare industrial complex your approval to prescribe **deadly poisons**.

HB 1328/SB 0926 will be used to **deny care to the vulnerable**.

Please SAVE LIVES and vote **NO on HB 1328/SB 0926**.