

Legislative Testimony
Public Health Committee
H.B. No 5326 - An act concerning compassionate aid in dying for terminally ill patients
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Members of the Public Health Committee

My name is Adrian Hubeny and I am a senior at St. Paul Catholic High school in Bristol. I am writing this letter in opposition to the proposed H.B. No 5326 - An act concerning compassionate aid in dying for terminally ill patients.

I do not support this Bill for the reason that eligibility is based on a six-month life expectancy. But doctors agree these estimates are often wrong. Individuals outlive their prognoses by months or even years. HB 5326 will lead people to give up on treatment and lose good years of their lives. Also patients are not required to see a psychiatrist or counselor before obtaining the lethal drug-fewer than 7% have been referred for psychiatric evaluation in Oregon. This means ill people with treatable depression can get a life-ending prescription, rather than effective psychological care. This bill also goes against my religious beliefs and the belief that all life is sacred no matter what that life is like. The taking of an innocent life is wrong.

Thank you for taking the time to read this,

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