

BILLS TO WATCH FOR THE 2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

<u>BILL #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
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PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE:

HB 201	AID IN DYING	HLT; JUD
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SB 357	AID IN DYING	CPH; JDL
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"Medical aid in dying" allows physicians to prescribe medication to adults for the purpose of ending life. No safeguards: physician not present, if patient does not take the entire prescription, or none of it, others are not prevented from using it (child, etc.). But, there are many protections for those helping to end a person's life. Possibility for elder abuse by a "qualified" individual. Purports death to be "peaceful".

HB 150	END OF LIFE OPTION	HLT; JUD
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Definitions for those involved in end-of-life process. Specifies that patient must make the request directly, not through other representatives/agents. Specific language for the request for end of life document. Repeals penalties for participation in End-of-Life Option.

HB 599	RELATING TO HEALTH	HLT; FIN
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Establishes a Suicide Prevention Task Force to reduce suicide in Hawaii by 25% by 2025. Terminates 1/1/18.

ABORTION:

HB 663*	RELATING TO HEALTH	HLT; JUD; FIN
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SB 501*	RELATING TO HEALTH	CPH/JDL; WAM
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(These 2 bills are part of the Women's Legislative Caucus Package.)

Requires all limited service pregnancy centers to publicly disclose that ABORTION IS AN OPTION via signage within the center AND a separate written or digital notice given immediately upon entry to the center in English/other languages. Authorizes civil penalties for failure to comply: \$500 initially, \$1,000 thereafter. **There is no religious waiver for faith-based crisis pregnancy centers or individuals working therein.**

*These bills have had hearings February 3rd and 7th (HB663). But you can still contact your legislators and prepare testimony as bills pass out of committees into the next committees and most likely will go to the respective chambers for floor votes.

SB 124	RELATING TO HEALTH	CPH
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Allows Advanced Practice Registered Nurses to perform aspiration abortions in their offices. **There is no religious waiver.** No additional safeguards.

CONVERSION THERAPY:

SB 270	RELATING TO MINORS	CPH
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HB1266	RELATING TO MINORS	CPC; JUD
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HB800	RELATING TO MINORS	HLT; CPC; JUD
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Prohibits persons licensed to provide professional counseling from engaging in, attempting to engage in, or advertising sexual orientation change efforts on persons under 18. **There is no religious exemption for anyone who performs counseling as part of their professional training.**

GAMBLING/GAMING:

HB766 RELATING TO GAMING

JUD; FIN

Establishes a regulatory framework for shipboard gaming and stipulates an appropriation. Claims studies show this would generate “hundreds of millions of dollars” and thousands of jobs. No cost listed for social/economic burdens on Hawaii’s families and mental/physical healthcare. Opens the door to illegal operations and the legalization of other forms of gambling.

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