

My patients suffer from poverty, stigma and gross inequity. This compounds the suffering people experience at the end of life. Too many people are dying on the street and there are inadequate trauma-informed services to support those near the end-of-life with shelter, safety and culturally appropriate care. Oregon has been a leader in helping people die with dignity and yet there is a crisis of inadequate end-of-life services for many of our most vulnerable neighbors. We can do better. I urge you to support HB 2981 so we can start stitching together the gaping holes so many of my patients fall through when they need the most support.