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SB 1003 would reduce the 15-day waiting period to just 48 hours! This is horrifying. People make this decision for many emotional reasons and emotions wax and wane. What was wrong with 15 days waiting period? At least that way you can be somewhat sure the decision was more than just an emotional response to a difficult time in one's life.

SB 1003 would allow non-physicians to prescribe lethal medication which is again horrifying! Strong medication of any kind requires a physician's oversight and here is the ultimate strong medicine. Not to mention the slippery slope that this presents going forward. Treating this as a 'second rate' medical event cheapens the seriousness of this decision and really, the meaning of life itself.

SB 1003 would require hospices to advertise whether they facilitate assisted suicide. What a terrible position to put our hospices in! On the one hand we ask them to care for their clients as if every day of their lives were precious and on the other hand promoting, and yes offering to facilitate assisted suicide IS promoting it, assisted suicide, possibly to make the patient feel guilty if they did not choose this. This also opens the door to all kinds of misuse and abuse of assisted suicide.

It is horrible in every way! I urge you to vote no on this bill!