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I am not only opposed to SB 1003A, but to the underlying Death with Dignity Act as well. I do not understand why Oregon wants to accelerate death by creating and expanding a Suicide Tourism Industry.

With all the living natural beauty of Oregon, why does Oregon want to become like east coast family mausoleums with their beautiful marble and stone on the outside but inside is full of dead people's bones and other uncleanness of which are politely hidden away?

Indeed, SB 1003A further continues to provide cover by explicitly stating that even the words that describe the death do not apply: "Actions taken in accordance with ORS 127.800 to 127.897 shall not, for any purpose, constitute suicide, assisted suicide, mercy killing or homicide, under the law." Another coat of paint for the White Washed Tombs.

In the same section, we find "...shall be construed to authorize ...to end a patient's life by lethal injection, mercy killing or active euthanasia." If there is an "active euthanasia," then is the Death with Dignity Act the implied *inactive euthanasia*? At which future date will inactive become active?

When I tell family and friends that we do things differently in Oregon, they are shocked in what has become law (e.g., HB2002B) and now the legislature wishes to make it worse by making it easier to kill yourself in SB 1003A. I highly recommend that the Legislature exit the Echo Chamber to find out what ordinary people think outside of Oregon. After all, I would think the legislature would want to attract business and people to Oregon other than suicide tourists.