

I urge that you vote no on HB 4135.

Oregon's current advance directive provisions do not require modification with respect to providing basic nutrition and hydration. The choice to opt in for either, or both, of these rights -- each is a basic right, each is ordinary care -- must remain with the individual, not with the state, not with an insurance company, and not with the personal representative for health care. The incentive to commit grave harm to a vulnerable individual is too great and cannot be tolerated.

HB 4135 must die in committee. As the primary caregiver to two elderly parents who lived long and productive lives in Oregon, and have recently passed away, I can state unequivocally that the only option that a personal representative should be allowed to exercise in regard to basic nutrition and basic hydration is to opt in for them, never to opt out of them.

HB 4135 must die in committee, never allowed to be brought to the floor of either the Oregon House or Senate. HB 4135 is nothing but euthanasia masquerading in legislative jargon.

I urge you to vote no on HB 4135, thereby voting to protect every Oregonian and not some parochial, mercenary interest.

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