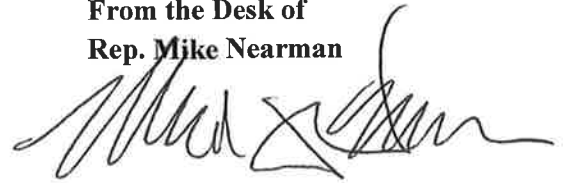


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From the Desk of
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VOTE NO ON HB 2217

House Bill 2217 expands a loophole in Oregon's assisted suicide law and targets some of Oregon's most dependent and vulnerable citizens: older people, the terminally ill and those with disabilities.

- The definition of "self-administer" in the bill is broad and could include IV, injection, and even a gas mask. These alternative methods could reasonably require aid from another person. Involuntary or voluntary, this is euthanasia.
- Oregon's physician-assisted suicide law already lacks effective protections to prevent someone from administering a prescription to a patient illegally.
- HB 2217 would make it easier for malicious people to continue to harm older people, which is already a significant problem in Oregon. Rather than helping prevent elder abuse, HB 2217 would make it worse.
- HB 2217 is in direct contradiction of what Oregonians were told when they passed Measure 16 in 1994. Oregonians were told by supporters of the measure that the law would not authorize lethal injection, mercy killing, 'suicide machines' or active euthanasia.

HB 2217 will make it even easier for vulnerable Oregonians to be manipulated into requesting a lethal prescription and coerced into ending their lives.

Vote NO on HB 2217.



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