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My cousin was recently, without his permission and unknowingly for his sister who has power attorney over her brother's health, put on "comfort care" when he is in the hospital. When she, the sister, finds out that he is on "comfort care" she berates hospital staff for putting him on comfort care even as hospital staff remain allusive as to how the decision to put her brother on "comfort care" is made. My cousin got out of the hospital after getting off "comfort care" and enjoys two more months of life. Listen. Hospitals are under financial stress and in many cases are short staff, and Hospices work closely with these hospitals. The incentive in dealing with patients who are on the edge of survival is to guide their patients to end their lives quickly so as to not drain hospital resources - this will happen in too many cases if this bill (SB 1003) is passed by legislature and governor.