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Passage in Appropriations Committee “Not Surprising”

Similar bill passed Assembly Committee in 2005 but was dropped due to lack of support

Sacramento – The Assembly Appropriation Committee today passed Assembly Bill 374, legislation legalizing assisted suicide. The bill now is eligible to be voted on by the full State Assembly.

“Today’s vote result was no surprise, but we are still optimistic that there are more than enough Democratic and Republican legislators opposed to assisted suicide to once again make sure this bill is defeated,” stated Tim Rosales of Californians Against Assisted Suicide.

“Assisted Suicide is a fatally flawed bill and concept that has been defeated with bipartisan votes in 1999, 2005 and 2006. Legislators understand that this bill will have tragic consequences on individuals with serious illness and disability especially in our HMO driven, cost cutting health care system.”

Californians Against Assisted Suicide and other opponents have successfully defeated previous legislative attempts to legalize physician assisted suicide. Assembly Bill 374 is the latest attempt by assisted suicide advocates to legalize the practice in California.

Assisted Suicide is opposed by California Medical Association, California Disability Alliance, the California League of United Latin American Citizens, California Hospice and Palliative Care Association and dozens of statewide organizations representing disability rights, low income workers, and the uninsured.

For more information about the diverse coalition of organizations aligned against physician-assisted suicide, please visit **www.CA-AAS.com**.

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