
Good morning

Chair Stephenson, ---- members of the committee.

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I have **published** ---- over 300 articles ---- and two books ---
on end-of-life decision making.

I speak in **favor** of the bill ---- in my personal capacity.

I address just **two** ---- sections of H.F. 1930

Article I section 11.

Article II section 1.

These two sections address the **relationship** ----
of this healthcare option ----
to life insurance and health insurance.

These 2 sections provide that insurance policies -----
cannot be conditioned upon ---- or affected by ----
use or non-use of medical aid in dying.

These sections are **standard** ---- and widely used ----
in **three** contexts

First, these sections are **common** ----
in the MAID statutes ---- of 11 other states

Second, these sections are also **common** ----
in the more than **20** bills on MAID
now being considered ---- by **other** state legislatures

Third, these sections **parallel**
those in the 1993 Minn. Stat. 145C.

That statute addresses healthcare decisions and advance directives.

Like the bill before you, ---- 145C addresses actions ----
taken by healthcare professionals ----
that **end** patients' lives at their request.

It makes good sense to have **parallel** provisions in both statutes.

Like H.F. 1930, 145C.12 ---- prohibits insurance policies ----
from being **affected** ----
by individual's healthcare treatment choices.

Minnesota patients ---- use section 145C ---- **every** day.

When terminally or seriously ill, ----
patients withhold or withdraw life-sustaining treatment.
and that typically causes their death.

145C **prohibits** health and life insurers ----
from considering such choices ----
in whether or how ---- they write insurance policies.

H.F. 1930 **similarly** prohibits health and life insurers ----
from considering patients' choices for MAID
in whether or how ---- they write insurance policies.

A patient's choice for MAID ---- must be free and voluntary.
It must not be influenced or coerced ----
by their insurance company.

Thank you.