What You Need to Know About Initiative 1000

I-1000:

- Creates possible incentive for health care providers to cut costs by offering patients in a terminal condition the option of assisted suicide
- Does not require psychological evaluation of those requesting assisted suicide, even though depression is a normal reaction to receiving a terminal diagnosis
- Does not require family members to be notified when a person requests assisted suicide
- Grants civil and criminal immunity to health care providers
- Has inadequate reporting so abuses may never be known
- Has no safeguards for the patient after the prescription is written
- Does not require that assisted suicide requests be made in person
- Requires doctors not to list assisted suicide as the cause of death on death certificates
- Can change doctor-patient relationships
- Declares that actions legalized by this initiative do not constitute suicide or assisted suicide, and Washington State reports shall not refer to practice under this initiative as suicide or assisted suicide

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