



hawai'i death with dignity society

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**HAWAII DEATH WITH DIGNITY SOCIETY LAUDS SUPREME COURT DECISION**  
**Ruling Expected To Reopen and Advance Local Debate**

**HONOLULU: JANUARY 17, 2006** – With the long-awaited news that the U.S. Supreme Court has again upheld the Oregon Death With Dignity law, the debate in Hawai'i is again expected to escalate. Scott Foster, Director of Communications for the Hawai'i Death With Dignity Society said, "This decision should settle the matter once and for all and it is time for the Hawai'i State Legislature to act. We came within two votes of passing this law in 2000, it was killed because of religious bias and specious 'slippery slope' arguments, and the bill has only received token public hearing since. There is no room in our democratic form of government for such religious bias in the legislative process and it will not be tolerated again. With Hawaii's ageing population and the propensity of seniors to vote, I have no doubt that any elected official trying to again block the passage of a Hawai'i Death With Dignity law will pay a political price in the coming election. Every poll taken in Hawai'i in the past 10 years has shown a dramatic public support for this issue, regardless of religious affiliation."

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