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Hawai‘i Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

Kokua Mau Newsletter

June/July 2009

Dear Jeannette,

... This just in July 1, 2009: POLST on potential veto list

Hawaii's Governor Linda Lingle has included [HB1379 HD2 SD2 CD1](#) Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) in her potential [veto list](#) of 65 bills.

This comes as a surprise as the final version of the [POLST](#) legislation was passed by both the Hawai‘i State House and Senate and represents a strong compromise that all parties have agreed to in committee.

Our core [POLST](#) team has asked the Governor's office for a meeting to answer questions and determine what the outstanding issues are. We are hoping that that meeting will clear up any misunderstandings that the Governor may have. If it doesn't, we will certainly let you know of our next steps.

At this time we are not asking people to contact the Governor as we hope that the face-to-face meeting can solve the problem. However if you would like to weigh in on the issue, please do so. We feel very strongly that POLST enables patients wishes to be honored and allows healthcare professional to provide individualized, compassionate care. We do not want this legislation vetoed.

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POLST article in Honolulu Advertiser

Kokua Mau and the [POLST](#) legislation (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) were features in the Honolulu Advertiser from June 15, 2009. This gives good background on the significance of the bill. For the article: "*Hawaii bill gives patients a voice*" [click here](#).

EPEC™-O

[EPEC™-O](#) (Education in Palliative and End-of-Life Care for Oncology) is a comprehensive, multimedia, train-the-trainer curriculum in palliative and end-of-life care (e.g. pain and symptom management, care planning, communication) to educate and equip physicians, nurses, and other health care personnel with the skills needed to address the physical, psychosocial, and spiritual suffering associated with cancer.

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Thank you. Have a great summer.

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