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THE TERMINALLY ILL SEEKING DEATH WITH DIGNITY: THE OREGON CASE STUDY

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Abstract

On November 29, 2024, the United Kingdom passed the historic Terminally Ill Adults Bill patterned in part on the Oregon Death with Dignity legislation. This has inspired fresh examination of the Oregon statute which was the first such statute passed in the United States. Oregon's lead was followed by Washington, California and seven other states in the United States. Much has been learned about the issues surrounding this right because of the requirements of annual reporting. This Article explores those reports, comparing them, and makes recommendations for change, including a federal statute that recognizes the basic human right to die with dignity and uniform access to federal health funds to support this right.

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