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**CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS**

Board of Directors Meeting

April 23, 2015

5:30pm

Via teleconference

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THE OPEN SESSION PORTION OF THE MEETING*

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome/Introductions and Call to Order**
 - A. Adherence to Policy on Anti-Trust Compliance**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Member Survey Results**
 - A. SB 128 – End of Life**
 - B. AB 832 – Child Abuse: Reportable Conduct**
- 4. CLOSED SESSION – MEMBER ISSUE**
- 5. Adjourn**

To: Board of Directors; Jill Epstein, Executive Director
From: Cathy Atkins, Deputy Executive Director
Date: April 18, 2015
RE: Review of AB 832 and SB 128

The attached survey results review the answers of members who responded to CAMFT's request for input on AB 832 and SB 128. Also attached is the text for each bill, as well as each bill's analysis.

AB 832 (Mandated Reporting):

Existing law provides parameters for when consensual intercourse involving a minor is a mandatory report. However, there is no such break down for consensual oral copulation or sodomy; legally these two acts are always a mandatory report if a minor is involved. This bill would codify consensual oral copulation and sodomy similarly to sexual intercourse. This bill is currently in the Assembly Public Health Committee.

As of April 7, 2015 the following groups have gone on the record:

Support: **AAMFT-CA**, ACLU-CA, CA Public Defenders Association, Equality California, Gerry Grossman Seminars, National Center for Youth Law

Opposition: CA District Attorneys Association

As of April 17, 2015, 1418 members responded as follows:

Support: 1006 members (71%)
Oppose: 156 members (11%)
Neutral: 124 members (9%)
No Opinion: 132 members (9%)

The open-ended responses are also attached for your review and consideration.

SB 128 (End of Life):

This legislation mimics Oregon's "Death with Dignity" law (1994). SB 128 makes assisted death available to those 18 or older who are diagnosed with a terminal illness that is expected to result in death within six months, provided they are mentally capable of making healthcare decisions. This bill is currently in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

As of April 7, 2015 the following groups have gone on the record:

Support:

AIDS Healthcare Foundation; AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA); Alameda County Board of Supervisors; American Civil Liberties Union of California (ACLU); American Federation of State,

County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) AFL-CIO; **American Medical Student Association (AMSA)**; American Medical Women's Association (AMWA); California Church IMPACT; **California Primary Care Association (CPCA)**; California Senior Legislature (CSL); Cardinal Point at Mariner Square Residents' Association; City Council of Cathedral City; Civil Rights For Seniors; Compassion & Choices; Conference of California Bar Associations (CCBA); Congress of California Seniors (CCS); County of Santa Cruz, Board of Supervisors; Dave Jones, Insurance Commissioner; Death with Dignity National Center; Democrats of the Napa Valley Club; Democratic Party of Orange County; Democratic Party of Santa Barbara County; Democratic Women of Santa Barbara; Desert Stonewall Democrats; Diane Feinstein, United States Senator; Equality California; GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality; Hemlock Society of San Diego; Gray Panthers of Long Beach; Laguna Woods Democratic Club; Lampoc Valley Democratic Club; Libertarian Party of Orange County; Los Angeles LGBT Center; Napa County Democratic Central Committee (NCDCC); **National Association of Social Workers, California Chapter (NASW-CA)**; National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR); National Council of Jewish Women California (NCJW CA); Older Women's League-SF; Progressive Democrats of America (PDA) California; San Francisco AIDS Foundation; San Francisco for Democracy; San Mateo Democracy for America; Secular Coalition for California; Sierra County Democratic Party; Shared Crossing Project; Social and Missions Team of Bloom in the Desert Ministries United Church of Christ, Palm Springs, California; Sonoma County Democratic Party; South Orange County Democratic Club (SOCDC); I Care For Your Loved One: Compassionate Senior Services; Trinity County Progressive.

The **California Psychological Association** recently announced it would take a position of Support.

Neutral: **California Psychiatric Association, California Association of Licensed Professional Counselors, and AAMFT-CA**

Opposition:

Agudath Israel of California; Alliance of Catholic Health Care; ARC and United Cerebral Palsy California Collaboration; Arroyo Grande Community Hospital; Association of Northern California Oncologists (ANCO); Autistic Self Advocacy (ASAN); California Catholic Conference, Inc.; California Disability Alliance (CDA); California Family Alliance; California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC); **California Hospital Association (CHA)**; California Nurses for Ethical Standards; California ProLife Council; California Right to Life Committee, Inc.; Calvary Chapel Golden Springs; Capitol Institute; Concerned Women for America; Dignity Health; Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF); Faith & Public Policy (ministry of Calvary Chapel Chino Hills); Life Legal Defense Foundation; Life Priority Network; International Life Services; Medical Oncology Association of Southern California (MOASC); Mission Hospital; Mission Hospital Laguna Beach; National Right to Life Committee; North Orange County ProLife Chapter; Pajaro Valley Senior Coalition; Petaluma Valley Hospital; Providence Health & Services; Queen of the Valley Medical Center; Redwood Memorial Hospital, Fortuna; San Joaquin ProLife Council; Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital; Scholl Institute of Bioethics; Silicon Valley Independent Living Center; Sisters of Social Service of Los Angeles; St. Joseph Hospital, Eureka; St. Joseph Hospital, Orange; St. Jude Medical Center; St. Mary Medical Center.

The California Medical Association has gone on record with concerns but has not yet filed formal opposition as they have in previous versions of this legislation. It is likely that the CMA will stay neutral.

As of April 17, 2015, 1453 members responded as follows:

Support: 877 members (60%)

Oppose: 160 members (11%)

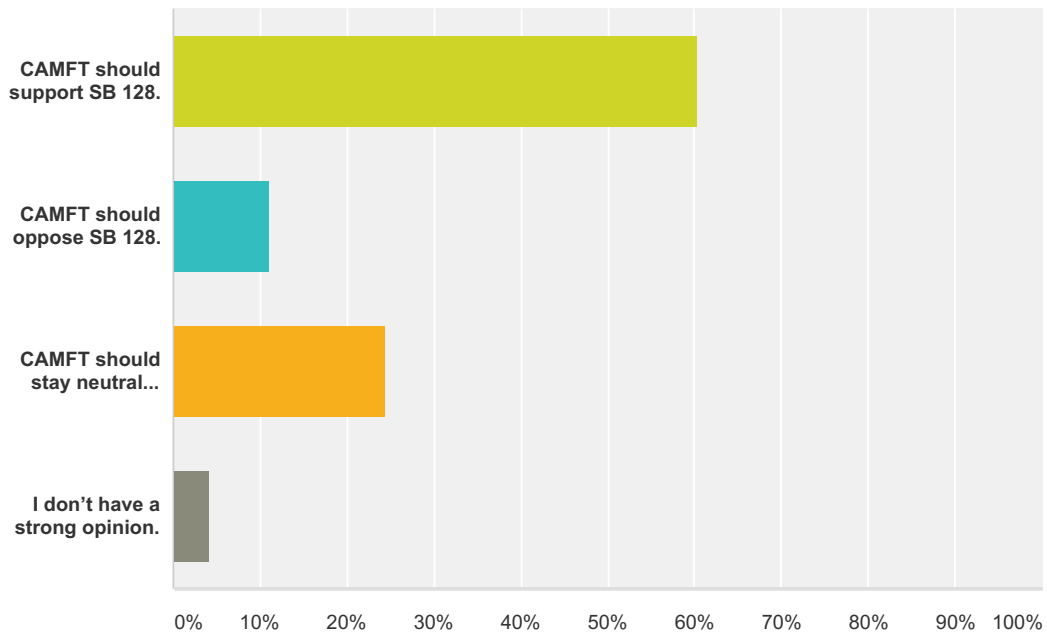
Neutral: 356 members (25%)

No Opinion: 60 members (4%)

It is highly recommended to take the time to read the open-ended responses from our members to get a better of sense as to the reasoning behind their chosen position given the extreme controversial nature of this bill.

Q1 SB 128, which is modeled after Oregon's Death with Dignity Act (1994), makes assisted death available to those 18 or older who are diagnosed with a terminal illness that is expected to result in death within six months, provided they are mentally capable of making healthcare decisions. The individual must be deemed mentally competent by a psychiatrist or psychologist licensed in California. Proponents of the legislation state that this legislation establishes a humane process that honors a terminally ill patient's right to make informed decisions about dying, including an individual's option to reduce suffering by taking aid-in-dying medication. Opposition comes from religious leaders who consider suicide immoral; from some medical groups, that believe that a doctor's job is to heal; and from advocates for the disabled, who say the sick could be coerced to end their lives to save medical costs or by heirs with other agendas. My recommendation for SB 128 is:

Answered: 1,453 Skipped: 28

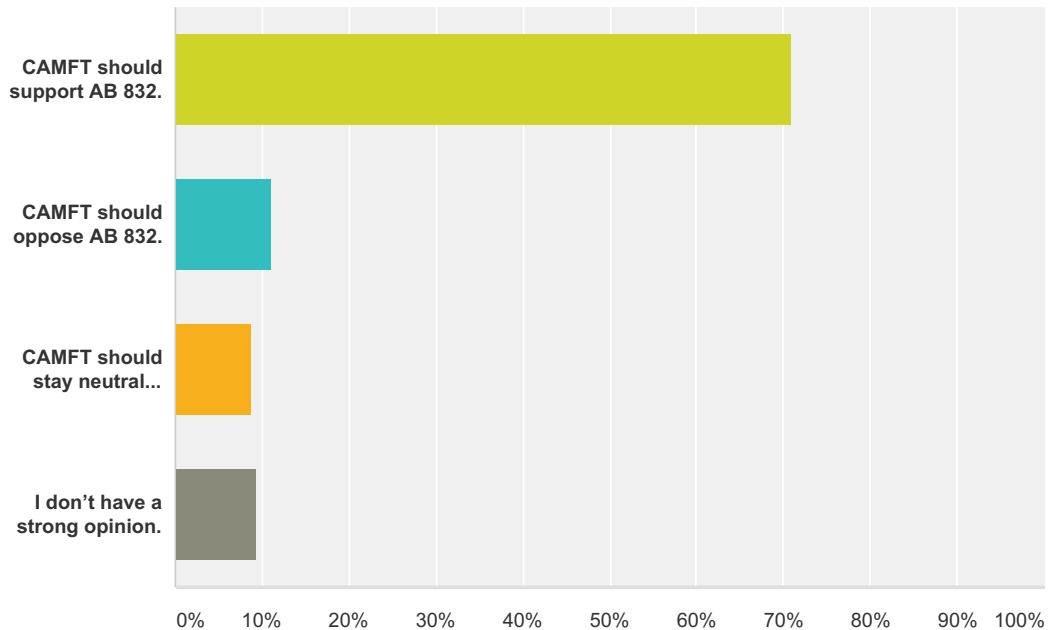


CAMFT Legislation (2015)

Answer Choices	Responses	
CAMFT should support SB 128.	60.36%	877
CAMFT should oppose SB 128.	11.01%	160
CAMFT should stay neutral on SB 128.	24.50%	356
I don't have a strong opinion.	4.13%	60
Total		1,453

Q3 AB 832 is intended to create a uniform standard for mandated reporters to follow when reporting instances of consensual sexual acts amongst minors. Currently, sexual intercourse of minors is only reportable if it is coercive and/or involving minors of disparate ages; consensual sodomy and oral copulation between minors is always a mandatory report. Amended reporting requirements would categorize consensual sodomy and oral copulation the same as consensual intercourse amongst minors of non-disparate ages. It is likely this bill will receive opposition from some family or parent advocacy groups. However, given it is early in the legislative season, the extent of the proponents and opponents as well as the philosophies behind their positions are not yet known. My recommendation for AB 832 is:

Answered: 1,418 Skipped: 63



Answer Choices	Responses
CAMFT should support AB 832.	70.94% 1,006

CAMFT Legislation (2015)

CAMFT should oppose AB 832.	11.00%	156
CAMFT should stay neutral on AB 832.	8.74%	124
I don't have a strong opinion.	9.31%	132
Total		1,418