

*Informational Hearing*  
**The Subject of AB 950 (Hernandez): Licensed Hospice Facilities**

1:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.  
Thursday, July 22, 2010  
State Capitol – Room 4203

**Agenda**

**I. Opening Remarks (5 minutes)**

- *Senator Elaine Kontominas Alquist, Chair*
- Other members present

**II. Overview of Hospice and Hospice Facilities (30 minutes)**

- *Brenda Klutz, Senior Consultant, Health Management Associates (10 minutes)*
- *Charlene Harrington, R.N., Ph.D., FAAN, Professor Emeritus, UCSF (10 minutes)*

Each to discuss the following four issues:

- Describe hospice, its four levels of care and its payment structure.
- What is a hospice facility? Describe a typical hospice facility patient.
- How do other states license and regulate hospice facilities?
- What staffing and building standards should hospice facilities consider?

✓ Questions (10 minutes)

**III. What State Standards Should Hospice Facilities Meet? (30 minutes)**

• **Staffing Standards and Regulations**

- *Kathleen Billingsley, California Department of Public Health, Licensing and Certification (10 minutes)*

• **Building Code and Seismic Safety Standards**

- *Paul Coleman, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), Facilities Development Division (10 minutes)*

✓ Questions (10 minutes)

**IV. AB 950 Stakeholder Input (25 minutes)**

- *Peter Kellison, The Kellison Group, representing the California Hospice and Palliative Care Association (Sponsor); and Holly Swiger, Vice President, VITAS Hospice (8 minutes)*
  - *Beth Capell, SEIU (Opposed unless Amended) (4 minutes)*
  - *Kelly Green and Kristine Del Bono, R.N., California Nurses Association (Opposed) (4 minutes)*
- ✓ Questions (9 minutes)

**V. Public Comment (10 minutes)**

**VI. Closing Remarks (5 minutes)**

- *Senator Elaine Kontominas Alquist, Chair*
- Other members present