

Senate Committee on Judiciary:

In regards to Ballet Measure 110 Implementation I fully support this measure. I currently work as a Release Counselor at the Oregon State Penitentiary and have seen multiple terminally ill patients unable to release early to Compassionate Leave due to the restricted standards of eligibility. Primarily any Adult-In-Custody (AIC) with a Measure 11 conviction is at a disadvantage and will most likely not be able to release early even in light of terminal cancer or other fatal prognosis. One heartbreaking case in particular was a man convicted of DUII who died here at OSP of liver cancer. His years of drinking caught up with him; however, he had a loving, supportive sister in Bend who really advocated for him to come live with her to finish out his life with family. Due to the restrictions of Compassionate Leave he was not granted early release and subsequently passed away in prison. I realize that not every AIC would qualify and depending on severity of conviction should be screened for appropriateness. So, I'm glad you are able to take a comprehensive look at this vital issue and am excited to see what could come from your efforts. Thanks for taking the time to read my testimony.

Sincerely,

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