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Please fund SB520 to update Early Compassionate Medical Release. Prison is no place for the sick and dying and Oregon's prisons are not equipped to provide adequate end of life care or care for those that cannot care for themselves. SB520 will actually save Oregon's Department of Corrections millions of dollars that can be invested in rehabilitation, reentry programming, and improved medical care. And the determination of medical eligibility for release will be made by an independent Medical Advisory Committee. What is the point of keeping a person in prison who is unable to function and is not a threat to society? Please let us act with justice AND compassion.

Please fund SB520.

Thank you for your hard work.