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Since 2015, Oregon has had the fourth-largest aging prison population in the country, which has resulted in needless prison deaths and millions of taxpayer dollars spent. Under current state medical release laws, more people die awaiting a decision on their medical release application than are actually released. Compassionate Medical Release reform will place decisions about release in the hands of those that are medical professionals, expand medical eligibility to those who have serious health issues and ailments, and provide support and resources to applicants during the process.