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I support SB 520 because it's time to overhaul Oregon's Early Compassionate Medical Release system. We need to establish an independent Medical Release Advisory Committee (MRAC) of health professionals within the Board of Parole who will evaluate the person medically and determine their eligibility for release based on the criteria in the bill of being either terminally ill or so severely disabled that incarceration no longer serves its intended purpose. We need to expand eligibility to those who have serious health issues and ailments, and to establish a timeline for cases so that decisions will be made within 2-6 weeks of the application being submitted. And let's provide support and resources to applicants during the process.