

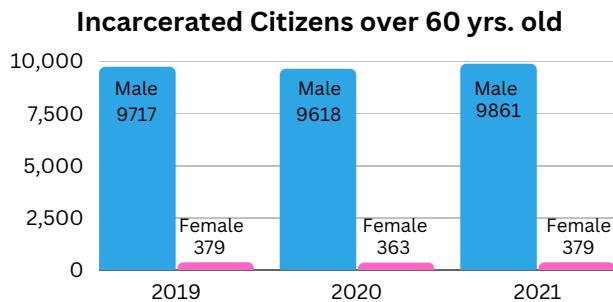
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Texas needs more Compassionate Release

Key Message:

Texas is a highly punitive state, and compassion for the terminally ill who are no danger to society is of little consideration. Texas Prisons are full of people in high-risk categories, such as; the rapidly growing aging population, those with disabilities, and those with chronic health issues.



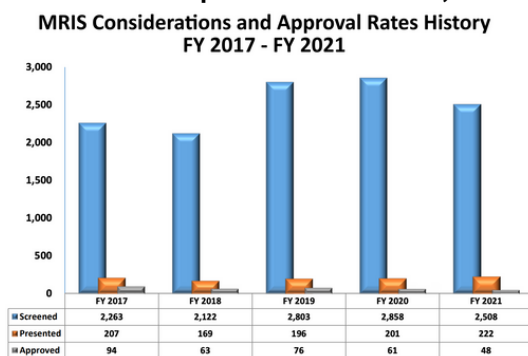
The state spent over \$750 million on prison health care during the 2019 fiscal year, a 53% increase from seven years earlier, when that cost was less than \$500 million. The main reason, according to experts and officials: an older, sicker prison population. Texas Tribune (2019)

What is Compassionate Release?

Compassionate release is a process by which the incarcerated may be eligible for immediate early release on the grounds of "particularly extraordinary or compelling circumstances which could not reasonably have been foreseen by the court at the time of sentencing."

The problem

Although every year, thousands of terminally ill incarcerated Texas citizens apply to the Board of Pardons and Paroles for compassionate release, a ridiculously low amount is approved.



"While the total prison population declined by 3%, the number of inmates ages 55 and older increased by 65%, ... Inmates over 55 account for about one-eighth of the population but nearly one-half of the system's hospitalization costs." Texas Tribune (2019)

Terminally ill and elderly people are not a threat to public safety, and TDCJ is ill-equipped to care for them properly. People 50-64 have a less than 5% recidivism rate, over 65 yrs. old have less than 1%.

Keeping the elderly and terminally ill incarcerated is inhumane and costly.

Please support legislation that expands Compassionate Release in Texas

- HB 1629 Representative Wu
- HB 2328 Representative Wu (Pending)
- Currently, only those individuals who have been given 6 months are eligible. This bill would change that to 1 year
- HB 305 Representative Jarvis Johnson

#YouCanMakeADifference

No longer allowing the charge of Burglary as denial for Compassionate release

Making those individuals who are 65 years of age or older eligible for compassionate release as opposed to "elderly"

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