



Oregon Senate Republicans

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Senate Republican Leader Statement on Early Release of Inmates

SALEM, Ore. – Today, Governor Kate Brown announced a decision to release 57 inmates before the end of their sentences.

Senate Republican Leader Fred Girod (R-Stayton) issued the following statement:

“The Governor’s decision outlines a disturbing trend that she has created in the Oregon criminal justice system to earn political points. The early release of inmates now coupled with the 2019 bill that narrowed the use of the death penalty and changed sentences for the most serious murder crimes, are both policies that favor offenders and excuses their violent choices.

“Less than a quarter of the inmates that will be released have housing plans in place. The other 44 inmates will be turned out on the streets. How is that safer for them and Oregonians?”

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