

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING: TWO PART SERIES ON PAROLE

Cohosted by: Criminal Justice Reform Caucus, Sen. Creem, Sen. Jehlen, Rep. Vargas, Rep. Domb, Rep. Miranda and Rep. Livingstone

PART 1: Reforming Parole and Medical Parole to Enhance Public Safety

September 22, 11:00am

PART 2: Ending Life Without Parole (further information forthcoming)

October 14, 12:00pm

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Zoom & Registration information forthcoming

The parole system and the medical parole system are both mechanisms that are meant to release people from incarceration and support them in the community when they do not pose a threat to public safety. These systems should ensure that the Commonwealth's resources are used to promote health, safety, human dignity, rehabilitation, and compassion, but both systems are underutilized and focused on punishment. Please join us for this event to learn more about how these systems can be improved through bills that are currently being considered by the Legislature.

PART 1: REFORMING PAROLE AND MEDICAL PAROLE TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY

Featured Speakers

- Kristyn Henry staff attorney, Prisoners' Legal Services
- Patty Garin criminal defense and civil rights attorney, co-
- Jasmin Borges formerly incarcerated woman, activist, advocate,
- Lauren Petit staff attorney, Prisoners' Legal Services
- Dr. James Hudspeth physician and program director, Boston
- Family member of person impacted by medical parole

Featured Bills

An Act to promote equitable access to parole

S. 1560/H. 2503 - Sen. Creem, Rep. Vargas, Rep. Miranda

An Act to reform parole supervision in the interest of justice

S.1600/H.1798 - Sen. Jehlen, Rep. Miranda

An Act to remove barriers to medical parole

S.1599/H.2448 - Sen. Jehlen, Rep. Domb

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Criminal Justice Institute at Harvard Law School









Additional Parole Information:



Parole Access Fact Sheet



<u>They've been granted parole. So why can it take years for them to get out of prison?</u>



Governor Baker getting what he wants from his Parole Board



The Dysfunctional Mass Parole Board's Inevitable Coronavirus Crisis

Additional Medical Parole Information:



Medical Parole Fact Sheet



Cement Head's last fight: He was denied parole six times — until he was about to become a Covid-19 statistic



<u>Correction Officials Thwarting Medical</u> Parole



Attorneys Raise Questions About Medical Parole After 2 People Returned To Prison

Stay tuned for information on Part 2 of this legislative briefing series, which will focus on the Campaign to End Life Without Parole and An Act to Reduce Mass Incarceration (H. 1797, Reps Miranda and Livingston). Part 2 will take place on October 14th at 12pm.