

KATE BROWN
GOVERNOR



TO: Members of the Legislative Assembly

FROM: Dustin Buehler, General Counsel, Office of the Governor

CC: Brett Hanes, Interim Legislative Administrator

RE: Executive Summary of Executive Clemencies

DATE: June 26, 2021

On June 26, 2021, pursuant to ORS 144.660, Governor Kate Brown transmitted a report to Senate President Courtney and Speaker Kotek outlining each reprieve, commutation, pardon, and remission of penalty or forfeiture that her office processed pursuant to her constitutional authority under Article V, Section 14, of the Oregon Constitution, since the previous report to the Legislative Assembly.

Since March 9, 2020, Governor Brown has granted 33 pardons, 32 conditional commutations, and one reprieve, in addition to Department of Corrections early releases. No remissions of penalty or forfeiture have been granted. Between March 9, 2020, and today, 191 applications for commutation of sentence have been denied. There are 344 commutation applications pending, 162 of which were submitted on or after May 1, 2021. Four commutation applications have been withdrawn. Twenty-five pardon applications have been denied, 36 pardon applications are pending, and three pardon applications were withdrawn. No reprieve applications are pending and eight reprieve applications have been denied. One remission application is pending and two remission applications have been denied.

A copy of the report was provided to Interim Legislative Administrator, Brett Hanes, and is available from his office upon request, or from the Governor's Executive Clemency Coordinator Nicole Townsend, who can be reached via email at nicole.townsend@oregon.gov.

Please note that three applicants applied for more than one type of executive clemency. This report accounts for each type of clemency requested as a separate application.