O judgement! thou art fled to brutish beasts,  
And men have lost their reason.  
-Shakespeare

The State of California Finance Department reports the 2021-22 fiscal year of the multi-billion dollar operation of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) will incur the annual cost of $113,000. per prisoner per year.

On May 11, 2010, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) reported in ELDERS IN PRISONS IN CALIFORNIA PRISONS, the cost to incarcerate an elderly prisoner is two to three times more than the average prisoner.

Using the LAO's calculus at $24 times the cost of an average prisoner the cost to incarcerate an elderly prisoner is now $282,000. per year, per prisoner.

In 2017, on recommendation of the judiciary, academia and legislators, Penal Code 3055 Elderly Parole was passed.

On October 20, 2020, Court of Appeal of California (in re Staich, 2020 cal. app. Lexis 974), assessing CDCR, cites: "Elderly Parole program does not appear to have had much practical influence on the parole process."

Confirming the Court of Appeal's observation, Board of Parole Hearings, 2020, REPORT OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS, proudly reports on page #7 "Parole Denial.. percentage," a high of 82% denial of Elderly Parole hearings.

Dancing to the pleasure of a master other than reason, the Board of Parole has chosen to practice senicide. Many more elderly prisoners die in prison than paroles, yet they are considered the most harmless class of prisoners.

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