

# Support HB 2869 with the -2 Amendment

## Multi-Sector Plan for Aging for an Age-Friendly Oregon



Aging affects us all. By 2034, Oregonians 65+ will outnumber children under 18. This is an historic, unprecedented demographic shift which will provide challenges for our health care and long-term services and supports networks but also provides unprecedented opportunities. Oregon needs to prepare for this demographic shift. HB 2869 creates a Multi-Sector Plan for Aging (MPA) for an Age-Friendly Oregon (with the -2 Amendment) and is the first step.

### Oregon's Demographic Shift

- The aging of Oregon's population will have significant long-term impacts on the state's workforce, housing, homelessness, families and caregivers, behavioral and physical health care services providers and infrastructure.
- **Oregon is not sufficiently prepared to address the financial costs of our changing demographics, including the financial strain on individuals and families, as well as community and institutional needs around living longer.**
- Oregon is also not sufficiently prepared to reap the benefits of the experience, education, perspective and contributions that older adults can and will make to our state.



### How Can Oregon Prepare for the Demographic Shift?

- The upcoming change in Oregon's demographics provides the state with a unique opportunity to use the skills and experience of older adults to benefit all.
- **Developing a long term MPA and recommendations for becoming an age-friendly state** where people of all ages and abilities can thrive will benefit Oregon families, communities, businesses and civic and public institutions.
- MPAs are being adopted in states around the US – including California, Texas and Massachusetts, while many others are currently in process.

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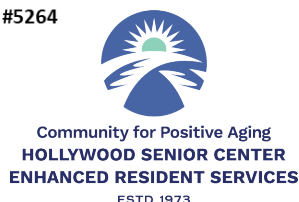
- President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives would appoint a workgroup with 25 members.
- The workgroup would represent state-wide interests, including aging services providers, education, businesses, philanthropy, local governments, health and behavioral health care providers, and consumer advocates.
- The workgroup would develop goals and a framework for an MPA to be led by the Oregon Department of Human Services.
- Work will allow Oregon to: build bridges across agencies and departments, facilitate collaboration with diverse stakeholders, promote equity and combat bias, raise awareness, consider priorities, create academic, research and other partnerships, and incorporate an aging and disabilities lens across priorities for our state.
- The workgroup would report back to the interim legislative committees and submit a final report and recommendations by July 2024.



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HB 2869-2  
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Requested by Representative EVANS

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2869**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, delete the period and insert “; and declaring  
2 an emergency.

3 “Whereas by 2030, the number of Oregonians aged 65 and older is  
4 projected to grow to over a million, with older adults comprising 21 percent  
5 of Oregon’s population, representing a seven percent increase over a 20-year  
6 period; and

7 “Whereas rural counties are already leading the way with more than 30  
8 percent of residents being older adults; and

9 “Whereas Oregon faces an historic, unprecedented and permanent demo-  
10 graphic shift and by 2034, there will be more residents over the age of 65  
11 than children 18 years of age and under; and

12 “Whereas Oregon’s older population is also becoming more racially and  
13 ethnically diverse with over 45 percent of older adults projected by 2050 to  
14 be people of color by 2050; and

15 “Whereas the change in this state’s demographics provides the state with  
16 a unique opportunity to use the skills and experience of older adults to  
17 benefit all generations; and

18 “Whereas the aging of this state’s population will have significant long-  
19 term impacts on the state’s workforce, housing, homelessness, caregivers,  
20 behavioral and physical health care services providers and infrastructure;  
21 and

1 “Whereas Oregon is not sufficiently prepared to address the financial  
2 costs of our changing demographics, including the financial strain on indi-  
3 viduals and families, as well as community and institutional needs around  
4 living longer; and

5 “Whereas Oregon families, communities, businesses and civic and public  
6 institutions would benefit from the development of a long term multi-sector  
7 plan on aging and recommendations for becoming an age-friendly state where  
8 people of all ages and abilities thrive; now, therefore,”.

9 Delete lines 4 through 10 and insert:

10 **“SECTION 1. (1) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the**  
11 **House of Representatives shall appoint a work group to develop a**  
12 **framework for a multi-sector plan for aging to be administered by the**  
13 **Department of Human Services.**

14 **“(2) The President and the Speaker shall jointly appoint up to 25**  
15 **members of the work group who represent:**

16 **“(a) Post-secondary education providers;**

17 **“(b) Businesses;**

18 **“(c) Philanthropists;**

19 **“(d) Aging services providers and other entities with experience in**  
20 **administering Oregon Project Independence and programs under the**  
21 **Older Americans Act;**

22 **“(e) Area agencies, as defined in ORS 410.040;**

23 **“(f) An organization that advocates for older adults and that has**  
24 **broad membership in this state;**

25 **“(g) A statewide nonprofit focused on older adults that has techni-**  
26 **cal expertise on aging and on building capacity within organizations**  
27 **to better serve older adults;**

28 **“(h) Communities that are members of a national network of age-**  
29 **friendly states and communities;**

30 **“(i) Tribes;**

1       “(j) Labor organizations that represent paid caregivers;

2       “(k) Local governments from rural areas of this state;

3       “(L) The Department of Human Services;

4       “(m) Health care providers including providers who serve patients  
5 enrolled in Medicare or Medicaid, and behavioral health providers;

6       “(n) Consumer advocates for veterans, multigenerational house-  
7 holds, older adults who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender,  
8 queer, intersex, asexual, pansexual and allies, older adults who are  
9 racially diverse, older adults with disabilities and family unpaid  
10 caregivers; and

11       “(o) Organizations representing various housing and care options  
12 for older adults, behavioral, cognitive and physical health services  
13 providers and veterans.

14       “(3) The work group shall:

15       “(a) Devise goals for a multi-sector plan for aging;

16       “(b) Develop a timeline for implementing the plan;

17       “(c) Identify research or data needed;

18       “(d) Identify information needed from state agencies;

19       “(e) Define measures for the success of the plan; and

20       “(f) Conduct an analysis of the landscape of services for older adults  
21 in this state.

22       “(4) The work group shall consult with the following agencies in  
23 developing the plan:

24       “(a) The Oregon Health Authority;

25       “(b) The Department of Consumer and Business Services;

26       “(c) The division within the Department of Consumer and Business  
27 Services responsible for providing aging services;

28       “(d) The Oregon Business Development Department;

29       “(e) Business Oregon;

30       “(f) The Department of Education;

1       “(g) The Department of Transportation;

2       “(h) The Bureau of Labor and Industries;

3       “(i) The Housing and Community Services Department;

4       “(j) The Department of Land Conservation and Development; and

5       “(k) The Department of Veterans’ Affairs.

6       “(5) The Department of Human Services shall provide staff support  
7 to the work group.

8       “(6) The department shall:

9       “(a) Not later than December 1, 2023, provide an initial report to the  
10 interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human  
11 services on the progress of the work group.

12       “(b) During the 2024 regular session of the Legislative Assembly,  
13 provide to the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to hu-  
14 man services a second report on the progress of the work group.

15       “(c) Not later than July 1, 2024, provide a final report, in the man-  
16 ner provided in ORS 192.245, on a framework for developing a multi-  
17 sector plan for aging to the interim committees of the Legislative  
18 Assembly related to human services.

19       “SECTION 2. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate  
20 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is  
21 declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.”.