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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 A-Eng creates a Multi-Sector Plan for Aging (MPA) for an Age-Friendly Oregon 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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