

HB 3497 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires certain state agencies to consider the effects of proposed actions on older adult populations. The measure establishes the Shared Future Oregon Task Force and directs the task force to develop a multisector plan for aging.

Detailed Summary:

- Requires certain state agencies to consider the effects of proposed actions on older adult populations.
- Establishes the Shared Future Oregon Task Force and describes the membership and structure of the task force.
- Directs the task force to develop a multisector plan for aging that provides a framework to implement a statewide strategy to promote healthy aging, includes guidance for state agencies on meeting requirements to consider effects of actions on older adults, identifies opportunities for systems change, and meets other requirements.
- Directs the task force to develop recommendations, including for legislation, for a continuing body to oversee, implement, and update the plan.
- Requires the task force to engage with interested parties in the community, provide updates on the plan's development and implementation, and review relevant research and reports in developing the plan.
- Directs the task force to regularly solicit input from a coalition of interested parties, and to solicit and incorporate comments from the coalition on the draft plan prior to issuing a final plan.
- Directs the task force to submit a final multisector plan for aging, recommendations for the implementation of the plan, and recommendations for legislative changes or budgetary actions to the Legislative Assembly by December 15, 2026.
- Permits the task force to accept public or private funding to carry out its work.
- Requires state agencies to assist the task force and furnish information the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties.
- Sunsets January 2, 2027.
- Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

REVENUE: *May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

FISCAL: *May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Demographic and population changes in Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment replaces the measure with substantially similar language. The amendment adds members to the task force, including a representative of the Long Term Care Ombudsman and additional community members, and directs the individuals appointing task force membership to attempt to balance representation on the task force based on geographic and generational diversity. The amendment directs the task force to engage with the nine federally recognized Tribes and other stakeholders in developing the multisector plan on aging and to take a holistic approach in identifying opportunities to promote healthy aging. The amendment sunsets January

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BACKGROUND:

According to a [2019 report](#) on Oregon's Demographic Trends by [Oregon's Office of Economic Analysis](#) (OEA), the growth of the population of adults aged 65 and older outpaces the overall population growth rate in Oregon. In 2018, 17.5 percent of Oregon's population was aged 65 and older, and it is estimated that will approach 22 percent of the state's population by 2030. The median age of Oregonians increased from 30.3 years in 1980 to 39.4 years in 2018, and the Office of Economic Analysis estimates the median age of Oregonians will increase to 41.6 years by 2030 ([OEA, 2019](#)).

The [Office of Aging and People with Disabilities](#) (APD), an office of the Department of Human Services (DHS), implements programs for older adults in Oregon including the Older Americans Act, Medicaid long term services and supports, adult protective services, and licensing of long term care facilities. APD develops a [State Plan on Aging](#) as required under the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended. The Plan provides a roadmap to programs and initiatives for older adults. The [current plan](#) was adopted in October 2023 and expires in September 2026.

In Oregon, there are 16 [Area Agencies on Aging \(AAAs\)](#) which provide services to older adults at the local and regional level and administer and support community-based care services. AAAs are required to complete local [Area Plans](#) every four years. The Area Plans are developed with public input and approved by DHS. Other programs in Oregon that support older adults include Oregon's [Aging and Disability Recourse Connection \(ADRC\)](#), which helps connect individuals and families to resources, the [ADRC Advisory Council](#), and the [Family Caregiver Support Program \(FCSP\)](#).