

HB 3497 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Action Date: 04/01/25

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 8-0-1-0

Yeas: 8 - Elmer, Hartman, McIntire, Nguyen H, Nosse, Ruiz, Scharf, Walters

Exc: 1 - Javadi

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 3/6, 4/1

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, and to submit the plan and any recommendations to the Legislative Assembly by December 15, 2026.

Detailed Summary:

- Requires specified state agencies to consider the effects of proposed actions on older adult populations.
- Establishes the Shared Future Oregon Task Force and describes the membership, structure, and operational requirements 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 for a continuing body to oversee implementation of the plan and recommendations for any legislative changes or budgetary actions necessary to implement the plan.
- Requires the task force to engage with and provide updates to the nine federally recognized Tribes and other stakeholders on the plan's development and implementation, and to solicit and incorporate comments on the draft plan from stakeholders before finalizing the 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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Demographic and population changes in Oregon

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

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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 OEA estimates that 22 percent of the state's population may be aged 65 or older 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 programs through 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 federal [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 \(AAAs\)](#) that contract with APD to provide social services to older adults and people with disabilities residing within designated planning and service areas. AAAs may administer the Older Americans Act, Oregon Project Independence, and other programs and services depending on the AAA's model. 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 \(FCSP\)](#).