

# House Bill 2764

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act creates a work group to make a multi-sector plan for aging. (Flesch Readability Score: 83.0).

Directs the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to appoint a work group to develop a framework for a multi-sector plan for aging to be administered by the Department of Human Services. Specifies the membership and duties of the work group.

Requires the work group to submit three reports to the committees and interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services, by December 1, 2025, during the 2026 regular session of the Legislative Assembly and by July 1, 2026, respectively.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to programs in the Department of Human Services; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 Whereas rural counties are already leading the way with more than 30 percent of residents be-  
7 ing older adults; and

8 Whereas Oregon faces an historic, unprecedented and permanent demographic shift and by 2034,  
9 there will be more residents over the age of 65 than children 18 years of age and under; and

10 Whereas Oregon's older population is also becoming more racially and ethnically diverse with  
11 over 45 percent of older adults projected to be people of color by 2050; and

12 Whereas the change in this state's demographics provides the state with a unique opportunity  
13 to use the skills and experience of older adults to benefit all generations; and

14 Whereas the aging of this state's population will have significant long-term impacts on the  
15 state's workforce, housing, homelessness, caregivers, behavioral and physical health care services  
16 providers and infrastructure; and

17 Whereas Oregon is not sufficiently prepared to address the financial costs of our changing de-  
18 mographics, including the financial strain on individuals and families, as well as community and in-  
19 stitutional needs around living longer; and

20 Whereas Oregon families, communities, businesses and civic and public institutions would ben-  
21 efit from the development of a long term multi-sector plan on aging and recommendations for be-  
22 coming an age-friendly state where people of all ages and abilities thrive; now, therefore,

23 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

24 **SECTION 1. (1) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Represen-**  
25 **tatives shall appoint a work group to develop a framework for a multi-sector plan for aging**  
26 **to be administered by the Department of Human Services.**

27 **(2) The President and the Speaker shall jointly appoint up to 25 members of the work**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **group who represent:**

2 (a) **Post-secondary education providers;**

3 (b) **Businesses;**

4 (c) **Philanthropists;**

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

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

8 (f) **An organization that advocates for older adults and that has broad membership in this**  
9 **state;**

10 (g) **A statewide nonprofit focused on older adults that has technical expertise on aging**  
11 **and on building capacity within organizations to better serve older adults;**

12 (h) **Communities that are members of a national network of age-friendly states and**  
13 **communities;**

14 (i) **Tribes;**

15 (j) **Labor organizations that represent paid caregivers;**

16 (k) **Local governments from rural areas of this state;**

17 (L) **The Department of Human Services;**

18 (m) **Health care providers including providers who serve patients enrolled in Medicare**  
19 **or Medicaid, and behavioral health providers;**

20 (n) **Consumer advocates for veterans, multigenerational households, older adults who**  
21 **identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, pansexual and allies,**  
22 **older adults who are racially diverse, older adults with disabilities and family unpaid**  
23 **caregivers; and**

24 (o) **Organizations representing various housing and care options for older adults, behav-**  
25 **ioral, cognitive and physical health services providers and veterans.**

26 (3) **The work group shall:**

27 (a) **Devise goals for a multi-sector plan for aging;**

28 (b) **Develop a timeline for implementing the plan;**

29 (c) **Identify research or data needed;**

30 (d) **Identify information needed from state agencies;**

31 (e) **Define measures for the success of the plan; and**

32 (f) **Conduct an analysis of the landscape of services for older adults in this state.**

33 (4) **The work group shall consult with the following agencies in developing the plan:**

34 (a) **The Oregon Health Authority;**

35 (b) **The Department of Consumer and Business Services;**

36 (c) **The division within the Department of Consumer and Business Services responsible**  
37 **for providing aging services;**

38 (d) **The Oregon Business Development Department;**

39 (e) **The Department of Education;**

40 (f) **The Department of Transportation;**

41 (g) **The Bureau of Labor and Industries;**

42 (h) **The Housing and Community Services Department;**

43 (i) **The Department of Land Conservation and Development; and**

44 (j) **The Department of Veterans' Affairs.**

45 (5) **The Department of Human Services shall provide staff support to the work group.**

1       **(6) The department shall:**

2       **(a) Not later than December 1, 2025, provide an initial report to the interim committees**  
3 **of the Legislative Assembly related to human services on the progress of the work group.**

4       **(b) During the 2026 regular session of the Legislative Assembly, provide to the commit-**  
5 **tees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services a second report on the progress**  
6 **of the work group.**

7       **(c) Not later than July 1, 2026, provide a final report, in the manner provided in ORS**  
8 **192.245, on a framework for developing a multi-sector plan for aging to the interim commit-**  
9 **tees of the Legislative Assembly related to human services.**

10       **SECTION 2.** **This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
11 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**  
12 **on its passage.**

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