



March 5, 2025

House of Representatives
Oregon State Legislature
Salem, Oregon

Re: Supporting HB 3497 to Establish the Shared Future Oregon Task Force

Dear Honorable Members of the Oregon House of Representatives,

I am writing to express my organization's support for House Bill 3497, which proposes the establishment of a task force dedicated to creating a comprehensive framework for enhancing intergenerational well-being and ensuring sustainability within Oregon's socio-economic landscape.

With projections indicating that by 2030, around 25% of Oregon's population will consist of individuals aged 65 and older, we are facing a significant demographic transition. This shift represents a long-term trend that requires systemic adaptations, as our current infrastructures are insufficient to manage the extensive implications of an aging population. Effective interventions necessitate strategic planning, and I therefore advocate for the passage of HB 3497 to provide that direction.

This initiative not only responds to the pressing needs of our communities but also embodies a proactive strategy for addressing the challenges of our demographic evolution. I strongly support HB 3497 as a necessary step toward a sustainable and inclusive future for all Oregonians. Thank you

Sincerely,

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