



Oregon Women's Rights Coalition

## HB 3497 Planning for a Shared Future-Support

Chair Hartman, Vice-Chairs Nguyen, Scharf and members of the Committee.

The Oregon Women's Rights Coalition supports the formation of a task force to planned for a shared Oregon Experience focused on helping the increasing senior population to contribute to our state and local communities.

We cannot afford to kick this issue down the road.

The task force is large but so is the issue which it is facing.

We would make only one suggestion regarding the addition of someone from the Department of Revenue. Not only do they have a research staff who can assess the financial health of our senior population, but they are involved in the administration of the Senior and Disabled Property Tax Deferral program. By the state paying property taxes for seniors who qualify. The taxes are paid back into a revolving account after the home is sold.

If the department is not added, then there needs to be someone in the Task Force who understands and has access to records that can, without identification, provide financial information.

Again, we strongly support the task force. We need as a state to do this now.

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<https://www.oregon.gov/dor/programs/property/pages/senior-and-disabled-property-tax-deferral-program.aspx>

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