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I strongly support passage of HB 3497 to provide a call to action to start the State of Oregon on a comprehensive and coordinated assessment of aging impacts through adoption of a Shared Future Oregon Task Force. The product of its role is to provide the legislature with a Multisector Plan for Aging (MPA) together with implementation recommendations and any attendant legislative changes or budgetary actions needed. Testimony at the hearing emphasized a broad approach because of the complexity of the issues. They can be simultaneously broadly generational and more narrowly demographic. This bill may be a tardy beginning, but essential if Oregon is to catch up to where it needs to be to systemically address the social and economic implications of an aging population without a plan.