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Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer

AARP, Leading Age Oregon, Oregon Health Care Association, SEIU Local 503 and Oregon Opportunity Network support House Bill 2547A



House Bill 2547A is supported by senior and housing advocates as a way forward to answer important questions about evolving services for older persons residing in independent congregate housing. The implementation of one such model – the low-income Housing with Services pilot project in downtown Portland – created the impetus for this bill.

The goal of the task force is to answer the questions about how "housing with services" fits into the current continuum of care settings, what distinguishes this model from other licensed supportive housing models and what are the appropriate protections for residents.

The task force will be comprised of a broad cross-section of people including housing advocates, senior advocates, legislators, service providers and experts in the field of senior care settings and affordable housing. They will be tasked with providing a report to the legislature that may include recommendations for legislation.

We recommend a Yes vote on HB 2547.