



# PLEASE SUPPORT SB 796 TO ESTABLISH THE OREGON MEMORY NET

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The Oregon Memory Net (OMN), SB 796, is a modest state investment to bolster the availability of early detection and diagnostic services for Alzheimer's and other dementias, based on successful Georgia model. The program would expand capacity to geographically diverse and underserved communities and would be easily replicated at potential future sites. Current wait times for diagnostic clinics in Portland, where access is greatest, often exceed 200 days.

Alzheimer's disease and other dementia are a public health crisis in Oregon with about 70,000 Oregonians diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Early detection and diagnosis has numerous benefits for those directly impacted and their families as well as cost savings for the state by reducing unnecessary emergency department visits and delaying entry into long term care settings. Please join other states like Georgia, Wisconsin, Florida, California, New York, Texas, Montana, and Virginia in investing in early detection and diagnosis of Alzheimer's and other dementia.

Endorsements include:

**United Seniors of Oregon** and the **Oregon State Council of Retired Citizens**

