

Submitter: Gerald Cohen

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Early Childhood and Human Services

Measure: HB2869

Honorable Committee members,

As a proponent of communities for all ages and abilities, I am proud to support these amendments to HB 2869. I have engaged in this work since 2003 and was delighted to have been a part of the seminal work of Portland State University's Institute on Aging in the work that led to Portland becoming the first US City to be designated "Age-Friendly" by the World Health Organization. I also was pleased to finish my professional career with AARP working for and with states and communities across the nation on "Age-Friendly/Livable Communities" in late 2018. I have sustained that work as a consultant/co-founder of EvolvingElders, Intergenerational work as a member of Co-Generate and Gen2Gen and as a Board member of the Oregon Gerontological Association. MPA places the focus of preparing for and building communities for all ages and abilities as what makes Oregon a pioneer in quality of life for all. Thank you.

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