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By 2030, nearly one in four Oregonians will be aged 65 or older, marking a significant and lasting change in our state's demographic makeup. This is not a temporary trend, but a permanent shift, and our current systems are not equipped to meet the needs of this growing population. Every meaningful change begins with intentional action, as a 55+ Senior center program manager, I fully support HB 3497. This bill would establish a task force to develop a comprehensive framework that ensures a brighter and more sustainable future for all generations in Oregon.