

Support HF 4036, Task Force Established to Assess Current State Preparedness for Our Aging Demographic

Elder Voice Family Advocates supports this very important legislation. Our current approach of addressing only the latest crisis in elder care must be halted. The families of Elder Voice Family Advocates have experienced first hand how unprepared we are as a state to deal with the needs of the current aging population. It is frightening to imagine how we are going to be prepared for the explosion of elders that will need increasing help to stay in their homes or get greater support in long-term care residences with safe, quality care.

We are all elders in training. We must face the facts that our aging demographic is going to be the leading societal challenge within this decade and beyond. This is the perfect time to thoughtfully look at the future needs will be for our elders and how can be best be preparing ourselves.

Our current workforce stresses are escalating. Our infrastructure shortcomings are being exposed. Our health care demands are off the charts. Our financial models are being challenged. In other words, every aspect of our society must be adapting to our graying world

This bill is well thought out and critically important. Thank you Representative Klevorn and the leaders of the Board on Aging.

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