

Strategic Planning Group on Aging in Colorado HB-1033

Sponsors: Representative Dianne Primavera and Senator Larry Crowder

In just 15 years, nearly one-in-four adults living in Colorado will be over the age of 60. We need a comprehensive plan to address this demographic shift. HB-1033 offers an intelligent start to the process.

The Strategic Plan on Aging (HB-1033) creates an independent strategic planning group to identify and review the significant long-term issues (at least through 2030) posed by the aging of Colorado's population and recommend concrete steps and legislation to improve how public and private organizations respond to the challenges.

These issues have long-term implications for the state budget and Colorado's economic future. This growth will put financial stress on many people, especially on middle- and lower-income families. It will also place unparalleled demands on public-sector programs and budgets, including housing, transportation, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and other support services.

The strategic planning group will include experts from across the state and various fields to research this critical issue and create concrete, viable solutions. It will take the combined efforts of our business, nonprofit and government resources to address the unprecedented demands placed on public and private systems serving Colorado's seniors and their families.

The group will compile new and existing data on:

- Regional and statewide demographic shifts in Colorado
- Future impact on the state economy, labor forces and businesses
- Future impact on state and local budgets and revenues
- Financial security of the baby boomer and senior populations
- Family and professional care-giving capabilities
- Future demand for government, nonprofit and private support systems
- Implications of potential reductions in federal funding for these programs
- The Group will use this research to develop a comprehensive long-term strategic plan to:
- Best manage the impact of this demographic shift on the state of Colorado
- Improve the long-term quality and effectiveness of outcome-based services by government, nonprofit organizations and the private sector
- Ensure adequate and sustainable funding and spending strategies for Medicaid and other state and local programs
- Create a public education campaign to improve individual and family preparedness

Organization Endorsements Strategic Plan on Aging in Colorado (HB-1033)

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AARP
Action 22
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Colorado Center for Law and Policy
Colorado Commission on Aging
Colorado Consumer Health Initiative
Colorado Fiscal Institute
Colorado Gerontological Society
Colorado Health Care Association
Colorado Impact: Center for Economic Prosperity
Colorado Jobs for Justice
DRCOG
Energy Outreach Colorado
Hispanic Affairs Project
Innovations in Aging Collaborative
LeadingAge Colorado
The Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People
Mental Health America - Colorado
One Colorado
Progressive 15
SEIU Local 105
Senior Lobby
Seniors' Resource Center
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