

# News Release

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## **Applicants sought for LGBTQIA2S+ older adult advisory group**

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- Newly created advisory group will serve as a subcommittee supporting LGBTQIA2S+ issues for the [Governor's Commission on Senior Services](#).
- Nine board member positions are [open for applications](#).

(Salem) – The Oregon Department of Human Services seeks applicants to serve as board members for a newly created advisory group that will serve as a subcommittee within the [Governor's Commission on Senior Services](#) focusing on LGBTQIA2S+ issues. Board members will advocate for older adults who identify as LGBTQIA2S+ and help shape state services. They will have a voice in ensuring services and supports provided by the state are equitable.

[Senate Bill 99](#), which passed earlier this year, created the LGBTQIA2S+ subcommittee of the Governor's Commission on Senior Services. The subcommittee will identify needs and make recommendations on how to improve services, as well as communication from state agencies to LGBTQIA2S+ older adults. Subcommittee members will advise the Governor as well as all state agencies.

Governor Tina Kotek will appoint nine Oregonians to serve as board members. Terms on the subcommittee will be for three years, but members may be reappointed. The subcommittee will have at least five members who identify as LGBTQIA2S+ and at least one member must identify as transgender.

Information on [how to apply](#) and additional background and resources on becoming a member of the Governor's [boards and commissions](#) can be found on the Governor's website.

## **About the Oregon Department of Human Services**

The mission of ODHS is to help Oregonians in their own communities achieve wellbeing and independence through opportunities that protect, empower, respect choice and preserve dignity.

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