

Honolulu's Age-Friendly City Initiative



An Aging Society



NEVER BEFORE:



1. More Elderly



2. Living Longer



**In United States and around the
World**



Aging Tsunami

Why we need to rethink the way we deliver hospital care for elders

Be prepared for silver tsunami

THE upcoming survey to find out what older folk want out of tours abroad is long overdue ("Striking gold with silver travel market"; yesterday).

With the silver tsunami already nearing the shores of Singapore, I am surprised that more organisations have not taken the initiative to put in place targeted approaches to reach out to our silver population - many of them reasonably comfortable retirees.

Ideas like high-end retirement homes for well-heeled senior citizens, credit cards and loans to retirees, healthier food options at restaurants and foodcourts, as well as tailored

travel options should be explored.

The Government could play a more active role in planting the seeds of ideas and helping them germinate into practicable solutions for our silver population.

We can learn from other developed countries that have successfully implemented such solutions, like Japan and some of the European nations like the Netherlands.

Perhaps a government ministry could be set up to review and implement workable ideas for older folk.

The silver population in Singapore

will continue to grow. So the country needs to ensure that they remain healthy, engaged and cared for. Businesses and institutions should explore avenues to benefit from their wants, needs and preferences.

Companies should extract maximum value from the wealth of experience of older workers. This will also help the latter to remain mentally engaged and retain robust spending abilities.

All these steps will ensure that Singapore and young Singaporeans will not be adversely affected by the silver tsunami in the coming years.

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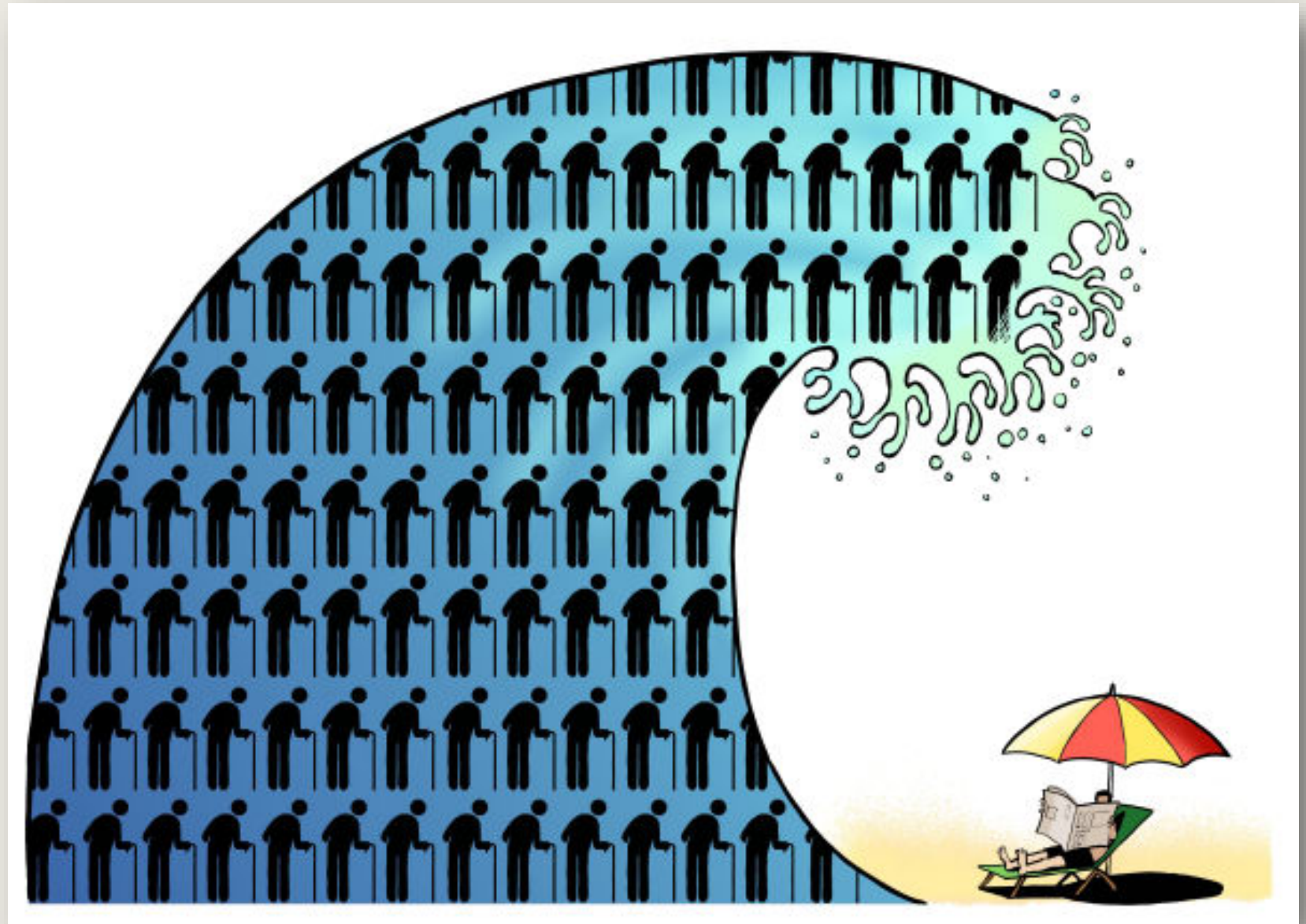


Hawaii is growing older at a faster pace than the U.S.

In 2030, 23% of Hawaii's population will be 65+, compared to 19% in the United States

Crisis or **Opportunity?**

An Opportunity for.....



INNOVATION

Vision: Active Aging, Independence & Engagement



Transportation



Mobility = Access & Opportunity

- Safety & Convenience
- Options, Accessibility, Connectivity



Transportation



Timely & Responsive Public Transit

Safe & Accessible Pedestrian Routes



Transportation



Data Available:

- * Location and concentration of elderly citizens
- * TheBus route, schedules, stop and transfer locations
- * Handi-Van usage and data
- * Pedestrian accident locations
- * Sidewalk complaint locations
- * Locations of senior destinations

Healthy and Active Aging



Can we help our older adults stay active, healthy, and connected to our community?



Healthy and Active Aging



- How can older adults find out about programs, health services, and classes in their neighborhood?
- How can community members enter information about new classes and events?
- Provide feedback on programs and services?
- Can the interface be easy to use and interactive?



Healthy and Active Aging



Data Available:

- **Elderly Affairs Division**
- **Database of programs and services in the community**
- **Location of: Adult day centers, exercise classes, fall prevention classes, senior centers**
- **GIS Mapping site**

Take Action!

