

Frank Robinson to testify at hearing on older workers

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WASHINGTON - Washington Nationals manager Frank Robinson, who turns 70 in August, will headline a Senate committee hearing this week on Americans who work past retirement age.

The hearing, called by Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., will look at ways to encourage the trend and highlight obstacles faced by older workers.

Kohl is the ranking Democrat on the Senate Select Committee on Aging, which will hold the hearing Wednesday featuring Robinson and a Madison woman who continues to work past 65.

Kohl, who turned 70 in February and plans to seek re-election next year, told The Associated Press he called the hearing to look into ways to ensure that older Americans can keep working if they choose.

"A one-size-fits-all approach no longer matches the varying plans that seniors and baby boomers have for their later years," he said.

An AARP survey found that 80 percent of baby boomers expect to work during their retirement years.

"Frank is a great example of what years of experience on the job can give you - a promising baseball team in their inaugural season," said Kohl, who also owns the Milwaukee Bucks basketball team. "Robinson has breathed new life into Washington baseball and he exemplifies the value that older