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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 11, 2019

Subject: HB 2706 – Relating dental care for Pacific Islanders legally residing in Oregon under the Compact of Free Association

HB 2706 appropriates an unspecified amount to the Oregon Health Authority and establishes the COFA Dental Program, within the Oregon Health Authority to be administered in collaboration with the Department of Consumer and Business Services, to provide oral health care to low-income citizens of the island nations in the Compact of Free Association who are residing in Oregon. The measure directs OHA to contract with dental care organizations and with individual oral health care providers to provide oral health care to COFA citizens enrolled in the COFA Dental Program.

The measure previously had a hearing in the House Committee on Health Care on 3/26/2019 and 4/4/2019, and was reported out with a do pass recommendation.

The -5 amendment replaces the original bill and directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to contract with a vendor to:

1. Evaluate the feasibility of administering a program to provide oral health care to low-income citizens of Pacific Islands in Compact of Free Association (COFA) who reside in Oregon and lack access to affordable dental coverage by conducting a study to determine the needs of low-income COFA citizens residing in Oregon;
2. Issue a request for information to prepaid managed care health services organizations and coordinated care organizations operating in Oregon to gauge the interest of dental care organizations in providing oral health care to COFA citizens; and
3. Obtain estimates of the cost to contract with dental care organizations to provide oral health care to COFA citizens.

DCBS must report to the Legislature the findings from the study and an estimate of the cost for administering this program by April 15, 2020.

The fiscal analysis assumes DCBS will be able to do the work required by the bill with a onetime appropriation of \$99,319 General Fund and one half-time limited duration positions (0.25) FTE for 12 months of the 2019-21 biennium. The fiscal pricing includes staffing costs for one half-time limited duration Operations and Policy Analyst 4 position and \$25,000 to contract with a vendor to conduct the demographic study.

The -5 amendment also includes an appropriation of \$99,319 General Fund for the Department of Consumer and Business Services to do the work required by the bill.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -5 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -5 amendment to HB 2706. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

MOTION: I move HB 2706, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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