

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 706

By COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 3, after the first semicolon delete the rest of the line and
2 delete line 4 and insert “and declaring an emergency.”.

3 In line 18, delete “\$500,000” and insert “\$300,000”.

4 On page 2, delete lines 6 through 40 and insert:

5 “(6) The authority shall employ two full-time multilingual and multicultural staff persons to co-
6 ordinate the outreach and marketing under this section.

7 “**SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this 2021 Act is amended to read:

8 “**Sec. 2.** (1) As used in this section, ‘COFA citizen’ means a citizen of any of the island nations
9 in the Compact of Free Association who is residing in Oregon.

10 “(2) The Oregon Health Authority is responsible for conducting statewide outreach to COFA
11 citizens with the goal of enrolling all eligible COFA citizens in medical assistance.

12 “(3) The authority, in collaboration with the work group described in subsection (5) of this sec-
13 tion, shall evaluate and implement the outreach and marketing strategies designed to most effec-
14 tively encourage the enrollment of all eligible COFA citizens in medical assistance.

15 “(4) To maximize the enrollment and retention of eligible COFA citizens in medical assistance,
16 the authority shall develop and administer a program to provide a [*\$300,000*] grant, **each calendar**
17 **year**, to an organization:

18 “(a) That represents all communities of COFA citizens in this state and is uniquely qualified to
19 deliver culturally specific and targeted outreach and direct application assistance to:

20 “(A) Members of the Marshallese, Chuukese, Pohnpeian, Yapese, Kosraean and Palauan com-
21 munities;

22 “(B) COFA citizens who reside in different geographic areas of this state; and

23 “(C) COFA citizens who face significant barriers to completing the application process for
24 medical assistance, including transportation barriers, physical, cognitive or mental barriers or
25 homelessness.

26 “(b) That has experience in administering a statewide grant.

27 “(c) That is able to provide assistance to each community of COFA citizens by speakers of the
28 language of the community.

29 “(d) Whose singular mission is bringing social and economic equality to COFA citizens in this
30 state and nationwide.

31 “(5) The authority shall convene a work group, consisting of individuals with experience in
32 conducting outreach to the individuals described in subsection (4)(a)(A) of this section, to advise and
33 assist the authority in carrying out the duties of the authority under this section.

34 “(6) The authority shall employ two full-time multilingual and multicultural staff persons to co-
35 ordinate the outreach and marketing under this section.

