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**To:** Human Services Subcommittee

**From:** Haylee Morse-Miller, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** February 23, 2022

**Subject:** SB 1538 – Relating to dental care for Pacific Islanders legally residing in Oregon under the Compact of Free Association  
Work Session Recommendations

SB 1538 establishes the Compact of Free Association (COFA) Dental Program in the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The program is to provide oral health care to low-income citizens of COFA nations who live in Oregon and do not qualify for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program. It is estimated that 250 people will meet the eligibility requirements for this program. Costs of providing dental coverage are estimated at \$45,000 General Fund in the 2021-23 biennium and \$180,000 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium.

The -2 amendment includes funding to implement this measure. The majority of the costs in the 2021-23 biennium are one-time expenses to modify the ONE eligibility system to determine eligibility for dental-only benefits for COFA citizens.

### **Recommended Changes**

LFO recommends adoption of the -2 amendment.

### **Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that SB 1538, as amended by the -2 amendment, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

### **Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_