

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 1538

Relating to dental care for Pacific Islanders legally residing in Oregon under the Compact of Free Association

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier:	Representative Nosse

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. Additional 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.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 1538 be amended by the –2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.