

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2522

By JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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1 On page 2 of the printed bill, delete lines 14 through 39 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

3 **“(a) ‘COFA islander’ means an individual who legally entered the United States under a**  
4 **Compact of Free Association treaty between the United States and any of the following**  
5 **countries:**

6 **“(A) The Republic of Palau.**

7 **“(B) The Republic of the Marshall Islands.**

8 **“(C) The Federated States of Micronesia.**

9 **“(b) ‘Health insurance exchange’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 741.300.**

10 **“(c) ‘Premium assistance’ means the payment or reimbursement of premium costs for a**  
11 **qualified health plan and the out-of-pocket costs associated with receiving services covered**  
12 **by the plan.**

13 **“(2) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall develop recommendations**  
14 **for the creation of a premium assistance program for low-income COFA islanders to enable**  
15 **them to purchase health benefit plans through the health insurance exchange and to pay the**  
16 **out-of-pocket expenses incurred under the plans.**

17 **“(3) The recommendations may include, but are not limited to:**

18 **“(a) Eligibility requirements;**

19 **“(b) The amount of assistance;**

20 **“(c) How the assistance should be distributed among eligible individuals; and**

21 **“(d) The cost and financing of the program, including whether federal funds or other**  
22 **funds may be available.**

23 **“(4) The department shall convene an advisory group that includes COFA islanders from**  
24 **each of the affected communities and other stakeholders to assist and advise the department**  
25 **in developing the recommendations.**

26 **“(5) The department shall report its recommendations to the Legislative Assembly and**  
27 **to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health, in the manner**  
28 **provided in ORS 192.245, no later than September 15, 2016.**

29 **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on January 2, 2018.”.**

30 In line 40, delete “5” and insert “3”.

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