

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2522**

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**
4 **United States under a Compact of Free Association treaty between the**
5 **United States and any of the following 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**
10 **in ORS 741.300.**

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

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

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

20 **“(a) Eligibility requirements;**

21 **“(b) The amount of assistance;**

22 **“(c) How the assistance should be distributed among eligible indi-**

1 **viduals; and**

2 **“(d) The cost and financing of the program, including whether fed-**
3 **eral funds or other funds may be available.**

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

8 **“(5) The department shall report its recommendations to the Leg-**
9 **islative Assembly and to the interim committees of the Legislative**
10 **Assembly related to health, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245,**
11 **no later than September 15, 2016.**

12 **“SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on January 2,**
13 **2018.”.**

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

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