

HB 4071

Relating to Health Care for Pacific Islanders residing in Oregon under Compact of Free Association

On February 24th, the Human Services Subcommittee voted to recommend passage of HB 4071, with amendments.

HB 4071 establishes a financial assistance program to pay the premium costs of qualified health plans and the out-of-pocket expenses for the coverage provided under those plans for certain individuals residing in Oregon under a Compact of Free Association with income less than 138% of the federal poverty guidelines. The program is to be administered by the Department of Consumer and Business Services with the advice in the development, implementation, and operation of the program from an advisory committee appointed by DCBS as required by the bill.

The measure includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1,823,000 for deposit in to the COFA Premium Assistance Fund established in the bill.

The amendment establishes an Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Consumer and Business Services in the amount of \$1,823,000 for expenditures of monies from the fund.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 4071 be amended by the -2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.