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HB 4071: COFA PREMIUM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Members of COFA Alliance National Network (CANN) urge a YES vote on **HB 4071**.

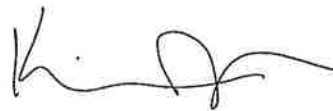
With the support of Co-Chief Sponsors Rep. Olson, Rep. Rayfield, Sen. Bates, Sen. Hansell, and 7 more Co-Chief sponsors and 31 co-sponsors, CANN looks forward to your support on the floor.

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 (**COFA**) 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 advice regarding development, implementation, and operation of the program from an advisory committee appointed by DCBS, as required by the bill.

This bill will provide vital healthcare services to people from the *Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands* with the federal government covering 90 percent of the costs.

By managing healthcare costs in a consistent and quality manner rather than using "crisis responses" Oregonians become co-winners as burdens on hospital emergency room services and county "free" clinics are lessened.

We urge your **YES** vote and thank you for your support.



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