

**Enrolled**  
**Senate Bill 147**

Sponsored by Senators GIROD, STEINER HAYWARD, Representative KENNEMER; Senators BEYER, BURDICK, FERRIOLI, HANSELL, KRUSE, ROBLAN, Representatives BARNHART, BOONE, DOHERTY, ESQUIVEL, GOMBERG, GREENLICK, HAYDEN, HELM, KENY-GUYER, LIVELY, NEARMAN, PARRISH, PILUSO (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to oral health care for Pacific Islanders residing in the United States under a Compact of Free Association treaty; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

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

**(a) "COFA islander" means an individual who legally entered the United States under a Compact of Free Association treaty between the United States and any of the following countries:**

- (A) The Republic of Palau.**
- (B) The Republic of the Marshall Islands.**
- (C) The Federated States of Micronesia.**

**(b) "Health insurance exchange" has the meaning given that term in ORS 741.300.**

**(c) "Premium assistance" means the payment or reimbursement of the costs of:**

- (A) Premiums for a commercial or publicly funded plan that reimburses the costs of oral health care; and**
- (B) The deductibles, copayments or other out-of-pocket expenses incurred by enrollees in order to access the care.**

**(2) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall develop recommendations for the creation of a program to reimburse the costs of oral health care for low-income COFA islanders residing in this state.**

**(3) The recommendations must include, but are not limited to:**

**(a) Whether the program should be structured to provide premium assistance to cover the cost of coverage:**

- (A) Through a dental plan offered in the health insurance exchange or by a commercial vendor;**
- (B) Provided in the state medical assistance program; or**
- (C) Through an alternative means;**
- (b) Eligibility requirements;**
- (c) The amount of any premium assistance to be provided;**
- (d) How premium assistance should be distributed among eligible individuals; and**
- (e) The cost and financing of the premium assistance program, including whether federal funds or other sources of funding may be available.**

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

(5) The department shall report its recommendations to the Legislative Assembly and to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, no later than September 15, 2017.

**SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on January 2, 2020.

**SECTION 3.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.

**Passed by Senate March 27, 2017**

.....  
Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

.....  
Peter Courtney, President of Senate

**Passed by House May 25, 2017**

.....  
Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

**Received by Governor:**

.....M.,....., 2017

**Approved:**

.....M.,....., 2017

.....  
Kate Brown, Governor

**Filed in Office of Secretary of State:**

.....M.,....., 2017

.....  
Dennis Richardson, Secretary of State