

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2706

**Relating to dental care for Pacific Islanders legally residing in Oregon
under the Compact of Free Association**

HB 2706 directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services to contract with a vendor to evaluate the feasibility of administering a program to provide oral health care to low-income citizens of Pacific Islands in Compact of Free Association (known as COFA) who reside in Oregon and lack access to affordable dental coverage. DCBS is required to issue a request for information to prepaid managed care health services organizations and coordinated care organizations operating in Oregon to gauge the interest of dental care organizations in providing oral health care to COFA citizens. The bill requires DCBS to obtain estimates of the cost to contract with dental care organizations to provide oral health care to COFA citizens. The Department of Consumer and Business Services must report to the Legislature the findings from the study and an estimate of the cost for administering this program by April 15, 2020.

The fiscal analysis assumes the Department of Consumer and Business Services will be able to do the work required by the bill with a onetime appropriation of \$99,319 General Fund and one half-time limited duration Operations and Policy Analyst 4 position (0.25 FTE) for 12 months of the 2019-21 biennium. The fiscal pricing also includes \$25,000 to contract with a vendor to conduct the demographic study.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 2706 be amended by the -5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.