

**A-Engrossed**  
**House Bill 2706**

Ordered by the House June 19  
Including House Amendments dated June 19

Sponsored by Representatives RAYFIELD, HAYDEN, Senator MONNES ANDERSON, Representatives KENY-GUYER, POST, STARK, Senator HANSELL; Representatives ALONSO LEON, BARKER, BYNUM, DOHERTY, EVANS, FAHEY, GOMBERG, GORSEK, GREENLICK, HELM, HELT, HERNANDEZ, HOLVEY, LIVELY, NEARMAN, NOBLE, NOSSE, PILUSO, PRUSAK, SANCHEZ, SCHOUTEN, SPRENGER, WILDE, WILLIAMSON, WILSON, WITT, Senators BEYER, BURDICK, DEMBROW, FREDERICK, GELSER, MANNING JR, PROZANSKI, ROBLAN, STEINER HAYWARD (Pre-session filed.)

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

*[Establishes COFA Dental Program in Oregon Health Authority to provide dental care to low-income citizens of Pacific Islands in Compact of Free Association who reside in Oregon and lack access to affordable dental coverage. Specifies eligibility requirements for program and duties of authority in administering program.]*

**Appropriates moneys to Department of Consumer and Business Services to contract with vendor to conduct demographic study of dental needs and geographic distribution of COFA citizens in this state and to issue request for information to gauge interest and determine capacity of dental care organizations to provide oral health care to COFA citizens.**

**Requires department to report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to health, no later than April 15, 2020, findings of study and cost of administering program to provide oral health care to COFA citizens residing in this state.**

**Declares emergency, effective on passage.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to dental care for Pacific Islanders legally residing in Oregon under the Compact of Free  
3 Association; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

6 (a) **“COFA citizen” has the meaning given that term in ORS 735.604.**

7 (b) **“Dental care organization” means a prepaid managed care health services organiza-**  
8 **tion, as defined in ORS 414.025, that contracts with the Oregon Health Authority or a coor-**  
9 **ordinated care organization, as defined in ORS 414.025, to provide oral health care to medical**  
10 **assistance recipients.**

11 (2) **For the purpose of evaluating the feasibility of administering a program to provide**  
12 **oral health care to COFA citizens, the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall:**

13 (a) **Contract with, and oversee, a vendor to conduct a demographic study to determine:**

14 (A) **The dental needs of low-income COFA citizens residing in this state; and**

15 (B) **The geographic distribution of COFA citizens in this state.**

16 (b) **Issue a request for information to dental care organizations operating in this state**

17 **to:**

18 (A) **Gauge the interest of dental care organizations in providing oral health care to COFA**  
19 **citizens;**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1       **(B) Determine the capacity of dental care organizations to meet the oral health care**  
2 **needs of COFA citizens;**

3       **(C) Obtain estimates of the cost to contract with dental care organizations to provide**  
4 **oral health care to COFA citizens; and**

5       **(D) Obtain other information necessary for the department to compile the report de-**  
6 **scribed in subsection (3) of this section.**

7       **(3) No later than April 15, 2020, the department shall report to the interim committees**  
8 **of the Legislative Assembly related to health, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, the**  
9 **findings from the study and an estimate of the cost for administering a program to provide**  
10 **oral health care to COFA citizens residing in this state.**

11       **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
12 **ated to the Department of Consumer and Business Services, for the biennium beginning July**  
13 **1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$99,319, which may be expended for carrying**  
14 **out section 1 of this 2019 Act.**

15       **SECTION 3. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
16 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**  
17 **on its passage.**

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