

Requested by Senator BEYER

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 706**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 3, after the first semicolon delete the
2 rest of the line and delete line 4 and insert “and declaring an emergency.”.

3 In line 18, delete “\$500,000” and insert “\$300,000”.

4 On page 2, delete lines 6 through 40 and insert:

5 “(6) The authority shall employ two full-time multilingual and multicul-
6 tural staff persons to coordinate the outreach and marketing under this
7 section.

8 **“SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this 2021 Act is amended to read:

9 **“Sec. 2.** (1) As used in this section, ‘COFA citizen’ means a citizen of any
10 of the island nations in the Compact of Free Association who is residing in
11 Oregon.

12 “(2) The Oregon Health Authority is responsible for conducting statewide
13 outreach to COFA citizens with the goal of enrolling all eligible COFA cit-
14 izens in medical assistance.

15 “(3) The authority, in collaboration with the work group described in
16 subsection (5) of this section, shall evaluate and implement the outreach and
17 marketing strategies designed to most effectively encourage the enrollment
18 of all eligible COFA citizens in medical assistance.

19 “(4) To maximize the enrollment and retention of eligible COFA citizens
20 in medical assistance, the authority shall develop and administer a program
21 to provide a [\$300,000] grant, **each calendar year**, to an organization:

1 “(a) That represents all communities of COFA citizens in this state and
2 is uniquely qualified to deliver culturally specific and targeted outreach and
3 direct application assistance to:

4 “(A) Members of the Marshallese, Chuukese, Pohnpeian, Yapese,
5 Kosraean and Palauan communities;

6 “(B) COFA citizens who reside in different geographic areas of this state;
7 and

8 “(C) COFA citizens who face significant barriers to completing the ap-
9 plication process for medical assistance, including transportation barriers,
10 physical, cognitive or mental barriers or homelessness.

11 “(b) That has experience in administering a statewide grant.

12 “(c) That is able to provide assistance to each community of COFA citi-
13 zens by speakers of the language of the community.

14 “(d) Whose singular mission is bringing social and economic equality to
15 COFA citizens in this state and nationwide.

16 “(5) The authority shall convene a work group, consisting of individuals
17 with experience in conducting outreach to the individuals described in sub-
18 section (4)(a)(A) of this section, to advise and assist the authority in carrying
19 out the duties of the authority under this section.

20 “(6) The authority shall employ two full-time multilingual and multicul-
21 tural staff persons to coordinate the outreach and marketing under this
22 section.

23 **“SECTION 4. The amendments to section 2 of this 2021 Act by sec-
24 tion 3 of this 2021 Act become operative on June 30, 2022.”.**

25 In line 41, delete “7” and insert “5”.

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