

Senate Bill 147

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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 **as introduced**.

Directs Department of Consumer and Business Services to develop and report, no later than September 15, 2017, recommendations to Legislative Assembly and interim committees related to health for program to reimburse costs of oral health care for low-income individuals residing in Oregon under Compact of Free Association treaty.

Sunset January 2, 2020.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to oral health care for Pacific Islanders residing in the United States under a Compact of
3 Free Association treaty; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

9 (A) **The Republic of Palau.**

10 (B) **The Republic of the Marshall Islands.**

11 (C) **The Federated States of Micronesia.**

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

13 (c) **“Premium assistance” means the payment or reimbursement of the costs of:**

14 (A) **Premiums for a commercial or publicly funded plan that reimburses the costs of oral**
15 **health care; and**

16 (B) **The deductibles, copayments or other out-of-pocket expenses incurred by enrollees**
17 **in order to access the care.**

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

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

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

24 (A) **Through a dental plan offered in the health insurance exchange or by a commercial**
25 **vendor;**

26 (B) **Provided in the state medical assistance program; or**

27 (C) **Through an alternative means;**

28 (b) **Eligibility requirements;**

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 (c) The amount of any premium assistance to be provided;

2 (d) How premium assistance should be distributed among eligible individuals; and

3 (e) The cost and financing of the premium assistance program, including whether federal
4 funds or other sources of funding may be available.

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

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

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

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

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