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House Bill 2706

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AN ACT

Relating to dental care for Pacific Islanders legally residing in Oregon under the Compact of Free Association; 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 citizen” has the meaning given that term in ORS 735.604.
(b) “Dental care organization” means a prepaid managed care health services organization, as defined in ORS 414.025, that contracts with the Oregon Health Authority or a coordinated care organization, as defined in ORS 414.025, to provide oral health care to medical assistance recipients.

(2) For the purpose of evaluating the feasibility of administering a program to provide oral health care to COFA citizens, the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall:
(a) Contract with, and oversee, a vendor to conduct a demographic study to determine:
(A) The dental needs of low-income COFA citizens residing in this state; and
(B) The geographic distribution of COFA citizens in this state.
(b) Issue a request for information to dental care organizations operating in this state to:
(A) Gauge the interest of dental care organizations in providing oral health care to COFA citizens;
(B) Determine the capacity of dental care organizations to meet the oral health care needs of COFA citizens;
(C) Obtain estimates of the cost to contract with dental care organizations to provide oral health care to COFA citizens; and
(D) Obtain other information necessary for the department to compile the report described in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) No later than April 15, 2020, the department shall report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, the findings from the study and an estimate of the cost for administering a program to provide oral health care to COFA citizens residing in this state.
SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Consumer and Business Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, out of the General Fund, the amount of $99,319, which may be expended for carrying out section 1 of this 2019 Act.

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