Improving Health Equity for COFA Islanders

Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs
Legislative Priority
Keys to Success in Washington State

• COFA communities make their voices heard
• Children’s Alliance and COFA Alliance National Network support development of policies and advocacy efforts
• CAPAA listens to community concerns and personal stories
• CAPAA makes improving COFA health equity a legislative priority
• Rep. Santos and Sen. Saldaña sponsor legislation and Governor advances budget proposal
Review of Substitute Senate Bill 5683

• Creates a COFA premium assistance program
• Covers premium cost for a qualified health plan and the out-of-pocket costs for the coverage provided by the plan
• Establishes eligibility criteria:
  • A Washington resident
  • COFA citizenship
  • Silver level plan enrollment
  • Income less than 133% FPL
  • Ineligible for federal and state medical assistance programs
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• Establishes criteria for disqualifying a participant
• Directs the Health Care Authority to establish processes to implement the program
• Education and outreach program to start by Sept. 1, 2018
• First open enrollment period begins Nov. 1, 2018
• A report to the Governor and Legislature to be provided by Dec. 31, 2019
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• Establishes an Advisory Committee to include representatives of COFA communities, insurers, and other stakeholders

• The committee will advise on the development, implementation, and operation of the COFA premium assistance program

• Transportation and travel expenses may be provided
Community meeting in Auburn with CANN
Community meeting in Spokane with CANN
Children’s Alliance *Have a Heart for Kids Day* and passage of SB 5683 in the Senate