

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 , 2025

RE: H.R. No. 87

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred H.R. No. 87
entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING HEALTH INSURERS AND MANAGED CARE
PROVIDERS THAT PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE IN THE STATE TO
PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC
DEVICES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request health insurers and
managed care providers that provide health insurance in the State
to provide insurance coverage for prosthetic and orthotic devices.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Health Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and
two individuals.

Your Committee finds that more than eighteen thousand Hawaii
residents live with limb loss, limb difference, and mobility
impairments. Your Committee further finds that these individuals
often rely on a single prosthetic or orthotic device, which is
typically designed for limited mobility and does not accommodate
activities such as running, cycling, or swimming, as health
insurers routinely deny coverage for activity-specific prosthetics
and orthotic devices. As a result, individuals with limb loss,
limb difference, and mobility impairments must either pay out of
pocket for these activity-specific devices or forgo these

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necessary tools entirely. This measure requests health insurers and managed care providers providing health insurance in the State to provide insurance coverage for these devices, which will allow individuals with disabilities to fully participate in their community and enjoy the same active lifestyle as their peers.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 87 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



GREGG TAKAYAMA, Chair



