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Comments:

Hello. My name is Meg Severn and I am a 14 year old amputee. I am a local representative of So Every Body Can Move. As an athlete and an amputee, I have experienced what it is like to not be able to participate in certain sports. I lost my leg two years ago due to a rare cancerous bone tumor. Insurance companies say that it is only “medically necessary” for me to be able to walk, therefore only providing a walking prosthetic. Do you think this is fair? The only way that I am able to participate in any sports or PE at school is because of other peoples’ charity. If not for the generosity of others, I would be sitting on the side watching my peers be physically active and running. One of my friends had knee surgery last month to be able to run again. Insurance paid for her to have knee surgery, but insurance won’t pay for me to run. If it were up to insurance companies, I would not be able to run. Being able to run as an amputee is a luxury, but it shouldn’t have to be. This resolution is asking insurance companies to provide people like me with sports prosthetics. Eight states have already passed similar bills, and I would love to have your support to introduce it as a resolution in Hawaii. This legislation is not just about prosthetics—it’s about ensuring people with limb loss or limb differences can thrive, not just survive. It’s about promoting physical and mental health, reducing long-term healthcare costs, and ensuring a full and active life. By supporting "So Every BODY Can Move," you’ll ensure that no one in Hawaii is held back from participating in physical activity. I respectfully ask you to help us pass this resolution, and in doing so, support people like me.