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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING HEALTH INSURERS AND MANAGED CARE PROVIDERS THAT  
PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE IN THE STATE TO PROVIDE INSURANCE  
COVERAGE FOR PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC DEVICES.

1           WHEREAS, there are more than 18,000 Hawaii residents living  
2 with limb loss, limb difference, and mobility impairments who  
3 face significant barriers to participating in physical  
4 activities, essential daily functions, and recreational  
5 opportunities due to outdated and discriminatory insurance  
6 coverage and policies that routinely deny access to essential  
7 activity-specific prosthetic and orthotic devices; and

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9           WHEREAS, individuals with limb loss and limb differences in  
10 Hawaii must often rely on a single prosthetic or orthotic  
11 device, which is typically designed for limited mobility and  
12 does not accommodate activities such as running, cycling,  
13 swimming, or bathing, creating unnecessary risks of injury,  
14 preventable health conditions, and diminished quality of life;  
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17           WHEREAS, the denial of essential activity-specific devices  
18 perpetuates inequities in health, independence, and economic  
19 opportunity for individuals with disabilities in Hawaii, forcing  
20 many to bear prohibitive out-of-pocket costs or forgo these  
21 necessary tools entirely; and

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23           WHEREAS, comprehensive insurance coverage for prosthetic  
24 and orthotic devices is critical to reducing the prevalence of  
25 preventable secondary health conditions such as diabetes,  
26 cardiovascular disease, and obesity, which disproportionately  
27 affect individuals with disabilities; now, therefore,

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29           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the



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1 House of Representatives concurring, that health insurers and  
2 managed care providers that provide health insurance in the  
3 State are requested to provide insurance coverage for prosthetic  
4 and orthotic devices; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Insurance  
8 Commissioner, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer of Hawaii  
9 Medical Assurance Association, President and Chief Executive  
10 Officer of Hawaii Medical Service Association, President of  
11 Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals Hawaii, Chief  
12 Executive Officer of UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Hawaii,  
13 President and Chief Executive Officer of University Health  
14 Alliance, Chief Executive Officer of AlohaCare, and Plan  
15 President and Chief Executive Officer of 'Ohana Health Plan.

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