

SB 699 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Reynolds

Senate Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/08/25

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Campos, Hayden, Linthicum, Patterson, Reynolds

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 1/30, 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires health insurance plans to cover prosthetic and orthotic devices determined to be medically necessary by the insured's health care provider.

DETAILED SUMMARY:

- Requires coverage, when determined to be medically necessary, of devices needed for daily living, job-related activities, and physical activities, including running, biking, swimming, and strength training.
- Requires coverage of devices for individuals with limb loss if a benefit would be covered for medical or surgical intervention for a person without limb loss.
- Requires replacement or repair of a device with confirmation from the prescribing provider that replacement is medically necessary, if the device is less than three (3) years old.
- Exempts health plans offered by the Public Employees' Benefit Board or the Oregon Educators Benefit Board.
- Apply to policies, certificates of health insurance issues, renewed, or extended after January 1, 2026.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Exemption from health plans offered by the Public Employees' Benefit Board or the Oregon Educators Benefit Board.
- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Orthopedic and prosthetic devices enable people to participate in education, work, and other physical activities. Orthotic devices include braces and splints. Prosthetic devices include artificial legs and hands.

Senate Bill 699 A requires specified health insurance plans to cover orthotic and prosthetic devices, including repair, when medically necessary.

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