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**To:** Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Javadi, Nelson and Members of the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Healthcare

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**RE:** Support SB 699A

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The Oregon Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons is the professional association for orthopaedists in our state. With over 175 members, our Association strives to advance the highest quality of musculoskeletal care.

Our association is proud to offer its support of SB 699, which increases access and coverage for prosthetic and orthotic devices.

Many of our patients rely on these devices to go about their daily living, work, or other physical activities, but have found barriers in accessing the devices. While health insurance may cover one prosthetic device for a patient, often additional devices that are needed for physical activity are not covered, and the high out of pocket costs create a barrier for patient access. SB 699 addresses this barrier and supports the overall health of patients who have limb loss or limb difference.

OAOS also supports the language that requires repair and replacement of these devices. We respectfully urge support of this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.