

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1520

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25

, 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 91

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.C.R. No. 91  
entitled:

"HOUSE 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,"

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



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.C.R. No. 91 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,

  
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GREGG TAKAYAMA, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HCR 91</b>	Committee Referral: <b>HLT, CPC</b>	Date: <b>3/21/25</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HLT Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TAKAYAMA, Gregg (C)	/			
2. KEOHOKAPU-LEE LOY, Sue L. (VC)	/			
3. AMATO, Terez	/			
4. CHUN, Cory M.	/			
5. MARTEN, Lisa	/			
6. OLDS, Ikaika	/			
7. TAKENOUCHI, Jenna	/			
8. ALCOS III, David	/			
9. GARCIA, Diamond	/			
TOTAL (9)	9	0	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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