

HF3339 & SF3351 \* So Every BODY Can Move MN \* Legislative Meeting Notes

Greetings, Senator/Representative \_\_\_\_\_. Thank you for meeting with me. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live in \_\_\_\_\_, MN.

I am here to talk about HF3330 OR SF3351 and ask for your support and vote for this very important bill that will help many people in MN who live with limb loss and limb difference.

I'd like to tell you a little bit about myself – my story and why this bill is important to me:

1. I am an amputee/I wear an orthotic device My device is important to me because it enables me to (describe daily activities, etc.).
2. I am a practitioner/assistant/technician/business owner/family member/friend of orthotic and prosthetic community. This bill is important because it will provide improved access to prescribed orthotic and prosthetic coverage that will help Minnesotans maintain overall health in mind and body.

Specifically, this bill will help change policy by requiring that public and private health plans in Minnesota cover:

1. Orthotic and prosthetic devices at a level at least equivalent to Medicare;
2. Orthotic and prosthetic devices at a level that is not more restrictive than other medical and surgical plan benefits in the same plan, specifically those that are restorative in nature (ex. knee replacements);
3. Activity-specific devices for enrollees of all ages;
4. Showering/bathing devices for enrollees of all ages; and
5. Include nondiscrimination standards related to providing O&P care.

With regards to cost, the MN Commerce Department 62J Report states that insurance premiums will increase conservatively between \$.01-\$.39 per member, per month. This is a modest increase for an impactful benefit for disabled individuals in need of orthotic and prosthetic care.

This bill is important to Minnesotans living with limb loss and limb difference because it improves access to:

1. Coverage for prescribed, activity-specific O&P devices are necessary to allow a child or adult to engage in exercise and recreation and live their lives to the fullest.
2. Coverage for prescribed, showering and bathing O&P devices that are necessary to allow individuals to safely maintain hygiene and not be fearful of falling while involved in these activities of daily living.
3. Coverage that empowers Minnesotans with mobility impairments to access the physical, mental, and social health benefits provided by physical activity and self-care, just like other non-disabled people who live in MN.

Thank you for meeting with me today. If you have questions or need more information, I can be reached at \_\_\_\_\_.