

I support HB 2994.

I am a mother of a Deaf child, who has a cochlear implant on each ear. I work in a program that supports Deaf and hard of hearing children and many times over I hear from parents that their insurance company will not pay for hearing aids or cochlear implants. The part that feels craziest to me is when an insurance company tries to identify the hearing device as something like an accessory- or something that isn't necessary.

I promise you- children that have access to hearing devices are able to acquire listening and spoken language better. This supports healthy learning during crucial years- and ultimately supports a stronger community of capable, independent working people. It's in everyone's best interest for these kids to have insurance companies cover their hearing devices!

Thank you for your time,

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