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Bill Analysis

SB 1673 creates the Prosthetic Access and Accountability Act 2026. The measure requires each health benefit plan that includes covered prosthetic benefits to attempt to provide the restoration of physical function to the greatest extent possible. The measure specifies that medical necessity shall be based on the patient's functional goals. The measure provides that denials based on cost shall be rendered invalid if the physician-prescribed device was prescribed to meet documented functional needs. A plan denying or delaying a prescribed device shall be liable for personal injury, financial loss, or harm proximately caused by the denial or delay. The measure establishes a \$5,000.00 fine per violation and a daily penalty of \$1,000.00 for delays. The measure requires coverage for prostheses and orthoses to be reviewed within 2 business days if marked urgent by the prescribing provider and 10 business days for standard requests.

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