

HB 1869 - DIGEST

Finds that the inability to purchase hearing aids adversely affects hearing-impaired people of all ages and impacts the employment and educational opportunities of hearing-impaired children and adults in Washington state by limiting communication options. To provide these individuals with equal opportunity and protect the well-being of the population, the legislature intends to establish insurance coverage provisions for hearing aids.

Provides that all state purchased health care that provides coverage for prostheses must include coverage for hearing aids.