



Executive Action Sheet for Senate Legislation

- Senate Bill 331- *050*
- Resolution 331-

I, Sydney Thayer, President of the Student Assembly of William & Mary do hereby:

- Approve
- Veto

The Student Assembly Senate Legislation: *The (BRACE) Act*  
*Bridging Resources for Access to Crutches & Other Equipment*

*Sydney Thayer*

President, 331st Student Assembly (23-24)

DATE: *3/6/24*

331<sup>st</sup> Student Assembly,  
Senate Bill 331-050

A Bill

*To subsidize the cost of durable medical equipment*

**Bridging Resources for Access to Crutches and other Equipment (BRACE) Act**

Sponsored by Class President Zoe Wang ('26) and Senator Matthew Hwang ('25)

Co-Sponsored by Class President Mia Tilman ('24)

Supported by Student Health Center Medical Director and Staff Physician Dr. Dafashy, Student Health Center Lead Administrative Coordinator/Office Manager Cheryl Harris, Student Health Center Pharmacist Maureen Bounds

WHEREAS, student health is an integral aspect of a student's overall wellness at William & Mary;

WHEREAS, the goal of the Student Assembly is to promote public health and wellness in the campus community;

WHEREAS, durable medical equipment provided by the Student Health Center includes orthopedic supplies such as crutches, knee braces, angle braces, and wrist braces;

WHEREAS, without subsidization, students would pay anywhere between \$6.00 and \$46.00 for the cost of orthopedic equipment;

WHEREAS, this bill would support the Student Health Center's goal of being Accessible and Affordable;

WHEREAS, this bill aligns with the Student Activities Fee's purpose to foster well-being in the student experience at William & Mary;

WHEREAS, access to off-campus sources for durable medical equipment is limited;

WHEREAS, this would be test pilot program to investigate if it would be sustainable and beneficial for Student Assembly to fund the subsidization of durable medical equipment every year;

WHEREAS, the genesis for this bill came out of conversations that Class President Mia Tilman, Class President Zoe Wang, and Senator Matthew Hwang with Dr. Dafashy - he recommended durable medical equipment as an item that Student Assembly can subsidize to make a big impact with a relatively low amount of funding;

Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Student Assembly of William & Mary:

1. Allocates \$1,000 from the Student Assembly reserves to the Student Health Center to subsidize cost of durable medical equipment to make it free for students;
  2. Charges the sponsors of the bill to coordinate with the appropriate administrators to distribute the funds allocated;
  3. Stipulates that all unused funds be returned to the Student Assembly Reserves.
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