

HB 3294 -1, -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires education providers, community colleges, and universities to ensure that tampons and sanitary pads are available in schools at no cost to students beginning July 1, 2022. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2022.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Needs of students who menstruate
- Experiences of students who lack access to hygiene products

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. Requires education providers, community colleges, and universities to ensure that tampons and sanitary pads are available in schools at no cost to students beginning July 1, 2022. Includes gender-neutral bathrooms. Shields education providers and employees from criminal action or civil damages as a result of student's use of tampon or sanitary pad obtained from education provider. Allocates money from the Department of Education for the purpose of making tampons and sanitary pads available to students. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

-2 Replaces the measure. Requires education providers, community colleges, and universities to ensure that tampons and sanitary pads are available in schools at no cost to students beginning July 1, 2022. Includes gender-neutral bathrooms. Shields education providers and employees from criminal action or civil damages as a result of student's use of tampon or sanitary pad obtained from education provider. Allocates money as a carve-out from the State School Fund for the purpose of making tampons and sanitary pads available to students. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal impact issued

BACKGROUND:

In November, 2020, Scotland became the first nation to offer free period products to its citizens. New Zealand followed in February, 2021 with a requirement that schools offer free period products. House Bill 3294 requires that Oregon's K-12 schools, community colleges, and universities offer free period products to students.