

HB 3294 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 04/08/21

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 10-0-0-0

Yeas: 10 - Alonso Leon, Hudson, Neron, Owens, Reardon, Ruiz, Smith DB, Sollman, Weber, Wright

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 3/16, 4/8

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. 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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

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 A requires that Oregon's K-12 schools, community colleges, and universities provide free period products.