

March 16th, 2021

House Committee On Education Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Testimony in Support of HB 3294
Menstrual Dignity Act

Chair Alonso León, Vice-Chairs Neron, Weber, and members of the committee,

My name is Eileen Gottschalk and I am a retired person living in West Salem at Salemtowne. I would personally like to urge the passage of HB 3294, The Menstrual Dignity Act. What a wonderful benefit this bill will be for students! I am proud of Oregon for being so thoughtful. The monetary savings will be a help to many students. I can attest that even in my youth feminine hygiene products were unreasonably priced. However, I think the greatest benefit is the way this bill will normalize menstruation for all students. It says to girls, "You are valued and cared for here". And it tells everyone, "Menstruation is a natural and beneficial part of life, not some dirty secret." Adolescence can be such a difficult time for kids but this bill will help ease the stress for all students. I urge you to pass this needed bill. Thank you for your consideration.