



To: House Committee on Education
From: Richard Donovan, Legislative Services Specialist
Re: House Bill 3294
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Chair Alonso Leon, Vice Chairs Neron and Weber, and members of the committee:

On behalf of OSBA membership, including 197 school districts and 19 Education Service Districts, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 3294, as modified by the -1 amendments.

HB 3294-1 would require public education providers, including but not limited to school districts and Education Service Districts, to make available at no cost certain menstrual products in bathrooms. It would do so with provisions for additional funding to address provider costs, and it would include language to address liability concerns for education providers.

Students and staff have needs. Education providers are responsible for educational needs, including instruction and learning. However, education providers are also responsible for certain needs regarding health and wellbeing, such as nutrition services or limited emergency medical response.

Adding menstrual products to the list of education provider responsibilities will increase student and staff dignity while simultaneously addressing a health need for certain individuals in the school community.

Please support HB 3294-1 and endorse passage into law. Thank you for your time and consideration.