

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1630

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2023

RE: S.R. No. 78

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Government Operations and Health and Human Services, to which was referred S.R. No. 78 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS AT NO COST IN STATE BUILDINGS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES THAT ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND CONTAIN PUBLIC RESTROOMS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in state buildings under the jurisdiction of the Department of Accounting and General Services that are open to the public and contain public restrooms.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Accounting and General Services, Parents and Children Together, and twenty individuals.

Your Committees find that period poverty has negative effects on a person's ability to meet basic necessities, gender equality, access to education and employment, and public health. A growing number of menstruating girls, women, and gender-diverse persons are at risk due to the absence of readily available aid and financial support. Recent data collected by the United States Census Bureau for the Household Pulse Survey indicated 43.8 percent of Hawaii households reported struggling to pay for usual



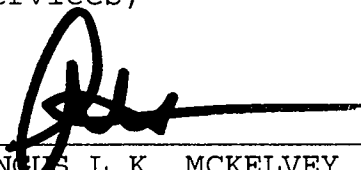
household expenses in the last seven days. Your Committees further find that providing free menstrual products in public buildings would reduce health risks, alleviate the burdens of period poverty, and protect the dignity of all menstruating persons. Therefore, this measure requests the Department of Accounting and General Services to give members of the public access to essential hygiene products by providing menstrual products at no cost in state buildings under its jurisdiction that are open to the public and contain public restrooms.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Government Operations and Health and Human Services that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 78 and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Government
Operations and Health and Human
Services,



JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair




ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Government Operations
GVO

Bill / Resolution No.:* SR78	Committee Referral: GVO/HHS	Date: 3-31-23		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
WAKAI, Glenn				✓
AWA, Brenton			✓	
TOTAL	3	—	1	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes

