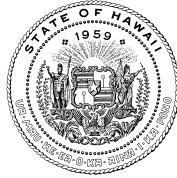


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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
KEITH A. REGAN, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HOMELESSNESS

MARCH 13, 2024, 9:00 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 329 AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE, STATE CAPITOL

S.B. 3000, S.D. 2

RELATING TO MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS.

Chair Au Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony for S.B. 3000, S.D. 2 which requires the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) to provide menstrual products at no cost in specified restrooms in public buildings maintained by DAGS.

DAGS **supports** this measure as long as it does not have an adverse impact on priorities identified in the Executive Supplemental Budget Request for FY2025. DAGS understands the importance of the availability of feminine hygiene products at designated DAGS-managed building restrooms. DAGS Central Services Division would collaborate with DAGS Public Works Division to determine the appropriate physical locations of the dispensers in each restroom to meet building code,

safety, health, and accessibility requirements. Our team looks forward to working with stakeholders on implementation. The appropriation amount of \$1.1M for the first year and \$700K for annual maintenance with 2% annual supplies inflation factored in thereafter would be required to appropriately fund this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.



The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

Testimony to the Thirty-Second Legislature, 2024 Regular Session

House Committee on Health & Homelessness

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair

Representative Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

State Capitol, Conference Room 329 & Via Videoconference

By:

Rodney A. Maile

Administrative Director of the Courts

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Bill No. and Title: Senate Bill No. 3000, S.D. 2, Relating to Menstrual Products.

Purpose: Requires the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) to provide menstrual products at no cost in specified restrooms in public buildings maintained by the department.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports Senate Bill No. 3000, S.D. 2 which would provide menstrual products at no cost in specified restrooms maintained by DAGS.

The Judiciary supports the intent of this measure to address period poverty and help members of the public to have access to essential hygiene products that they may not otherwise have. Access to free menstrual products would provide equitable access to public facilities and reduce barriers faced by individuals at state buildings. The Judiciary is in the process of installing menstrual products dispensers and products at a number of our courthouses. We note that while the courthouses are open to the public, only the S. Kohala location on the Big Island is under the jurisdiction of DAGS.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 3000., S.D. 2.



HAWAI‘I CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION **KOMIKINA PONO KIWILA O HAWAI‘I**

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Wednesday, March 13, 2024

9:00am

Conference Room 329 & Videoconference
State Capitol, 415 South Beretania Street

To: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
The Honorable Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health & Homelessness

From: Liann Ebesugawa, Chair
and Commissioners of the Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission

Re: S.B. No. 3000 SD2

The Hawai‘i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) supports S.B. No. 3000 SD2. This bill would require the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) to provide menstrual products free of charge in specified restrooms in public buildings maintained by the department.

The HCRC has enforcement jurisdiction over Hawai‘i’s laws prohibiting discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, and access to state and state-funded services. The HCRC carries out the Hawai‘i constitutional mandate that no person shall be discriminated against in the exercise of their civil rights. Art. I, Sec. 5. The HCRC provides these comments on S.B. 3000 SD2.

For individuals who menstruate, accessible period supplies may be the difference between going to work or missing out on professional development opportunities. Periods may begin suddenly, and without affordable and easily accessible period products, menstruating individuals may have to improvise and use alternative materials not intended for menstruation, or leave work premises to obtain period products.

According to a 2019 study by Obstetrics and Gynecology, barriers to menstrual equity include the cost of purchasing period products, the accessibility of period products, and safe and secure toilet facilities. Nearly two-thirds of low-income women were unable to afford period products at some point during the year, and nearly one-fifth experienced period poverty on a monthly basis. This study also found that individuals who are unable to access period products often have higher rates of school or work absenteeism and missed activities.

In 2022, Governor Ige signed Act 113 into law (Gov. Msg. No. 1213), requiring the Hawai'i Department of Education (DOE) to provide free menstrual products to all students on all DOE school campuses. Menstrual inequity does not end at primary or secondary schools. The HCRC supports S.B. No. 3000 because it would address this inequity in the workplace and in public buildings by requiring DAGS to provide menstrual products free of charge in specified restrooms in public buildings.



STATE OF HAWAII

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March 13, 2024

The Honorable Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health & Homelessness
The Thirty-Second Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Representative Belatti and Committee Members:

SUBJECT: SB3000 SD2 RELATING TO MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS

The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS SB3000 SD2**, which requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in specified restrooms in public buildings maintained by the department. (SD2)

Currently, individuals with Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) residing in licensed or certified homes receive a fixed \$50 monthly personal allowance for incidental expenditures. This allowance, established in 2007, is intended to cover various needs such as telephone expenses, hobbies, prescription drugs, haircuts, clothing, and other incidental items. However, it has become increasingly apparent that essential items like the individual's choice of their preference of menstrual and other personal products are often competing for these limited funds.

Females living in these circumstances should not be compelled to allocate their sparse allowance to meet their basic menstrual product needs. SB3000 SD2 represents a positive step forward in addressing this issue, ensuring that individuals with I/DD have access to necessary menstrual products without compromising their personal allowance for other personal items. We firmly believe that this bill aligns with our commitment to advocating for the well-being and dignity of individuals with developmental disabilities. By removing financial barriers to menstrual products, SB3000 SD2 supports the daily lives of those who require their choice of these essential items.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of SB3000 SD2**.

Sincerely,

Daintry Bartoldus
Executive Administrator

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March 11, 2024

**TESTIMONY OF ADDISON BULOSAN
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON
SB 3000, SD2, RELATING TO MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS
House Committee on Health and Homelessness
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Conference Room 329
Via Videoconference**

Dear Chair Belatti and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in SUPPORT of SB 3000, SD2, Relating to Menstrual Products. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a member of the Kaua'i County Council.

I wholeheartedly support the intent of SB 3000, SD2, which would greatly affect the Kaua'i community.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 3000, SD2. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188 or via email to cokcouncil@kauai.gov.

Sincerely,

ADDISON BULOSAN
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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March 13, 2024

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
The Honorable Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health & Homelessness

Re: SB 3000 SD2– RELATING TO MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the Committee:

Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 3000 SD2, which will require the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in specified restrooms in public buildings maintained by the department.

HMSA appreciates the legislature’s intent to ensure that members of the public have access to essential hygiene products that support public health.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

Sincerely,

Dawn Kurisu
Assistant Vice President
Community and Government Relations



March 11, 2024

House Committee on Health & Homelessness
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: SB3000 - SUPPORT

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Alliance for Period Supplies, I am writing to express our strong support for SB 3000, which aims to provide greater access to menstrual hygiene products to people who menstruate across Hawaii. This crucial initiative aligns with our mission to ensure that individuals experiencing period poverty have equitable access to essential menstrual hygiene products.

The Alliance for Period Supplies is comprised of over 120 independent nonprofit organizations across 37 states and Washington, D.C. that collect, warehouse, and distribute period products to those in need. In Hawaii, one of our allied programs is hard at work to end period poverty - a growing public health issue impacting 2 in 5 people that is characterized by an inability to afford enough menstrual products due to lack of income.

The advancement of equitable access to menstrual products is vital for ensuring the health and dignity of those that reside in the state. In addition to resource costs, a lack of access to menstrual products can also cause serious health issues, including emotional duress, physical infection, and disease. Inadequate menstrual support is also associated with other health and psycho-social issues, particularly among low-income people.

Menstruation is an essential bodily function - ensuring that menstrual products are freely available in restrooms in state buildings recognizes that fact. As such, Senate Bill 3000 represents a critical step towards addressing period poverty by requiring the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in state buildings under their jurisdiction that are open to the public and contain public restrooms, including all libraries.

The Alliance for Period Supplies commends the Senate Committee on Ways and Means for considering this important legislation. We firmly believe that access to menstrual hygiene products should be a right, not a privilege, and this bill aligns with our vision of creating a society where no one faces barriers to accessing these essential items.

We urge the committee to pass Senate Bill 3000, a measure that will make a profound difference in the lives of individuals who struggle to afford these basic necessities. By doing so, you will advance a more inclusive and equitable future for our communities while positively impacting the lives of countless individuals across Hawaii.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. We stand ready to support and collaborate with you in any way possible to ensure the successful passage and implementation of this essential legislation.

Sincerely,

Lacey Gero

Director of Government Relations

Alliance for Period Supplies



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Thirty-Second Legislature, State of Hawai'i
Regular Session of 2024
House Committee on Health & Homelessness

Testimony by IATSE 665
March 13th, 2024

S.B. 3000 S.D. 2 - RELATING TO FAMILY LEAVE

Aloha Chair Bellati, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the House committee,

My name is Tuia'ana Scanlan, International Trustee and president of IATSE Local 665, the union representing technicians and artisans in the entertainment industry in Hawai'i. **Local 665 strongly supports SB 3000 SD2**, relating to menstrual products.

According to the November 2021 study issued by The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women and Ma'i Movement Hawai'i entitled "*Understanding Period Poverty in Hawai'i*", 29.5% of respondents reported that they or someone in their household experienced difficulty obtaining period products. Nearly one in four of those surveyed say they've had to make sacrifices to afford menstrual products. Nearly half of all respondents have missed school or work because of their period.

(<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/11.17.21-Understanding-Period-Poverty-in-Hawai%CA%BBi-Report.pdf>)

While they are now available at no cost in the HIDOE system, menstrual products are not similarly available in public buildings maintained by DAGS. They are a necessity, not a luxury. It's important to support our 'ohana who are affected by this and it's imperative that we create access to these vital products. Period poverty and the broader issue of menstrual inequity are silent threats to menstrual health, and thereby affect overall general health and well-being. These threats have serious ramifications at the individual and societal levels, including detrimental impacts on public health, gender equality, mental health, access to education and work, and the ability to provide for one's basic needs. This bill is long overdue.

IATSE 665 strongly supports SB 3000 SD2. We hope your committee will do the same. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

In Solidarity,

Tuia'ana Scanlan
International Trustee, President, IATSE 665 (he/him/his)

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 4:57:20 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tanya Smith-Johnson	Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

I am testifying in support of SB3000 to require the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in each covered restroom of each covered public building, including all libraries. Please pass bill as is .

This bill will establish wider access to free menstrual products would help to ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities, reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings meeting basic needs, and promote greater menstrual equity in the State. This bill is a unique opportunity to enact meaningful change and protect the dignity of girls, women, and all menstruators.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 4:18:58 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
M. Chong	Zen Den Midwifery	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for hearing this bill. Please support SB3000 and help end period poverty. Vote Yes.
Sincerely,

Melissa Chong LM, CPM

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 4:20:31 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Midwives Alliance of Hawaii	Midwives Alliance of Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support SB3000.

Mahalo,

MAH Board

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 10:38:10 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nikos Leverenz	Hawaii Health & Harm Reduction Center	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Hawai'i Health & Harm Reduction Center (HHHRC) strongly supports SB 3000, SD 2, which requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in specified restrooms in public buildings maintained by the department.

This bill would help alleviate [period poverty among women from this state's under-resourced communities](#). The state could also move toward the abolition of sales taxes on menstrual products to further ensure gender equity.

HHHRC's mission is to reduce harm, promote health, create wellness, and fight stigma in Hawai'i and the Pacific. We work with many individuals who are impacted by poverty, housing instability, and other social determinants of health. Many have behavioral health problems, including those relating to substance use and underlying mental health conditions. Many of our clients and participants have been deeply impacted by trauma, including histories of physical, sexual, and psychological abuse.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



March 13, 2024

Members of the House Committee on Health & Homelessness:

Chair Della Au Belatti
Vice Chair Jenna Takenouchi
Rep. Terez Amato
Rep. Greggor Ilagan
Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi
Rep. Lisa Marten
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto
Rep. Diamond Garcia

Re: SB3000 SD2 Relating to Menstrual Products

Dear Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Members of the House Committee on Health & Homelessness:

The Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (HSCADV) addresses the social, political, and economic impacts of domestic violence on individuals, families, and communities. We are a statewide partnership of domestic violence programs and shelters.

On behalf of HSCADV and our 28 member programs statewide, I respectfully submit testimony in strong support of SB3000 SD2, which would request the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide period products at no cost in state buildings under their jurisdiction that are open to the public and contain public restrooms, including all libraries.

- Research shows that 86% of menstruators get their periods unexpectedly while in public.
- This measure is an initiative that takes steps to address menstrual inequity by reducing health risks, alleviating the burden of period poverty, and protecting the dignity of all menstruating people.
- Menstrual products are a basic necessity, toilet paper, hand soap, and other personal hygiene products, but are economically out of reach for a growing number of menstruating girls, women, and gender-diverse people, and prevent people from going to school or work.
- Establishing wider access to free menstrual products would help to ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities, reduce barriers faced by visitors to



state buildings and libraries meeting basic needs, and promote greater menstrual equity in the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Sincerely,
Angelina Mercado, Executive Director

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 9:33:33 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jen Wilbur	Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Planned Parenthood Alliance Advocates stands in strong support of SB 3000, Relating to Menstrual Products, and encourages the committee to pass this important measure.



The Thirty-Second Legislature, State of Hawaii
House Committee on Health & Homelessness
Honorable Chair Della Au Belatti
Honorable Vice Chair Jenna Takenouchi
Committee Members

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at 9:00 am

RE: Support for SB3000 SD2 - Relating to Menstrual Products in Public Buildings Maintained by the Department of Accounting and General Services

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the Committee,

Ma'i Movement Hawai'i **strongly supports SB3000 SD2** and passing the measure as is, which requires the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in each covered restroom of public buildings maintained by that department, and shall include covered restrooms located in public libraries, and appropriates funds.

Ma'i Movement Hawai'i is a locally grown organization committed to addressing menstrual inequity and ending **period poverty**, or the inability to buy and access menstrual products, due to factors including but not limited to financial constraints, lack of menstrual health education, feelings of societal shame or stigma surrounding menstruation, and inadequate access to clean facilities to maintain proper hygiene. We recognize the all-encompassing societal challenges inherent in tackling the broader issue of period poverty and menstrual inequity that disproportionately affects students, low-income and houseless girls and women, trans and gender non-conforming individuals, and those who are incarcerated. Menstruation is a natural monthly occurrence experienced by nearly half the population and an estimated [302,000](#) menstruators (aged 10-44 years) in the State of Hawai'i, for much of their lives. **Access to period products is a fundamental human right, instrumental to the general health and welfare of those who menstruate.**

Our work focuses on addressing menstrual inequity and period poverty in Hawai'i. Since our founding in 2020, we have seen the demand and need for period products grow in every district and county of the state. We have distributed nearly 1.1 million disposable and reusable period products to individuals and 135+ organizations on all islands except Kaho'olawe.

As examples, we:

- Collaborated with the Hawai'i State Capitol to install dispensers in all Senate bathrooms in 2022 and the House on the third-floor women's bathroom in 2023

- Collaborated with the Hawai‘i State Librarian using grants from the [National Foundation for Women Legislators](#) and [Hawai‘i People’s Fund](#) to install 60 dispensers and free period products in all 51 state libraries.
- Collaborated with the Hawai‘i State Judiciary using grants from the [National Foundation for Women Legislators](#) and [Hawai‘i People’s Fund](#) to install 25 dispensers with 10k products across six courthouses on O‘ahu, Kaua‘i, Hawai‘i island, and Maui
- Collaborated with Kaua‘i County to increase access to free period products in public-serving facilities, like a public park and county building
- Supported disaster relief efforts on Maui and distributed nearly 220,000 disposable and reusable period products in the immediate aftermath and to present-day recovery efforts
- Donated to 135+ organizations statewide, such as Neighborhood Place of Puna and Kona, North Hawai‘i Domestic Violence Action Committee, Ka‘u Rural Health Clinic, Hawai‘i Foodbank Kaua‘i, Mālama Pono Health Services, Marshallese Association of Kaua‘i, Food Pantry Lana‘i, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Maui, Maui Family Support Services, Mālama I Ke Ola Health Center, Moloka‘i Community Health Center, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Center, Hale Kipa, Hui Mahi‘ai Aina, and Ke Ola Mamo.
- Collaborated with students and faculty at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, University of Hawai‘i–West O‘ahu, University of Hawai‘i at Hilo, Hawai‘i Community College, University of Hawai‘i Maui College, Honolulu Community College, Kapi‘olani Community College, Leeward Community College, Kaua‘i Community College, and Windward Community College to install dispensers and provide period products; and met with students and leaders at private higher education institutions, like Chaminade University of Honolulu, Brigham Young University–Hawaii, and Hawai‘i Pacific University, to start programs on their campuses

In our various pilots, anecdotal evidence suggests that there have been little to no instances of vandalism, product overuse, waste or damage to bathroom facilities. This was evidenced in our school pilot and reported by several of the aforementioned partners, such as at the Hawai‘i State Capitol and Hawai‘i State Judiciary. In cases where there were issues, additional education, and signage with information helped to rectify the situation. Contrary to the assumptions, making period products free and available in public-serving facilities is welcomed and needed. State Librarian Stacey A. Aldrich shared “Hawai‘i’s public libraries enthusiastically embrace this effort to support the health and well-being of our communities”. Additionally, Third Circuit Chief Court Administrator Dawn West commented “While adequate food and shelter readily come to mind as daily necessities, access to these personal hygiene products can be difference makers in the lives of girls and women.”

SB3000 SD2 is a unique opportunity to enact meaningful change in state buildings and libraries, places which serve some of our most vulnerable populations. Period products would be readily available in all women’s and gender neutral restrooms. SB3000 SD2 **does not require** that period products be placed in all men’s restrooms. Period products will only be made available in at least one male restroom if there is no gender-neutral restroom. This is because people have a right to use the bathroom that aligns with their gender. Around [5%](#) of recipients we donate period products to do not identify as female. Also, through evidence-based practice in the school pilot we ran, we found that males and non-menstruating students also accessed and advocated for access to period products to support their friends, girlfriends, and peers. Providing period products in at least one male restroom if a gender-neutral restroom is not available ensures access to all menstruators and those who may be helping them at the onset of menstruation.

Furthermore, we regulate and ensure toilet paper and paper towels are available in state office buildings and library restrooms for health and sanitation, and menstrual products should be no different. Access to period products is a matter of public health. It is well-established in research and our [own statewide data](#) that when menstruators have limited access to resources during menstruation, they seek other coping methods. This includes but is not limited to the practice of using unsafe and potentially harmful alternatives, like leaves, paper towels, and socks, using menstrual products beyond the recommended time, or going with none at all. As a result, menstruators face potential medical issues, including preventable infections that make them susceptible to cervical cancer, infertility, and toxic shock syndrome, which are serious and can result in death.

Menstrual products are becoming economically out of reach for a growing number of menstruating girls, women, trans, and gender non-conforming individuals in our State. The [2021 report conducted by Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women and Ma'i Movement Hawai'i](#) revealed the extent of the issue in the state. The exceptionally high cost of living and wage gap for women specifically exacerbate period poverty in Hawai'i. 90% of respondents believe menstrual products are expensive, and nearly 30% of respondents reported that they or someone in their household experienced difficulty obtaining them, of which cost was the most cited reason. Other state reports, like the [Alice in Hawai'i: 2022 Fact and Figures report](#), revealed that the number of Hawai'i households struggling to make ends meet reached a new high in 2022, at 44% households. Equally concerning, 15% of households have income below the federal poverty level, which represented a sharp increase from 9% in 2018. When people struggle to make ends meet, they are more likely to also experience period poverty.

Menstruation also impacts participation in daily activities, with half of respondents in the aforementioned 2021 state report missing school or work because of it. Increased access to period products in state buildings and libraries will likely lead to increased productivity and opportunity for state workers and decreased barriers to visitors. 86% of people who menstruate have started their periods unexpectedly in public, and 34% have needed to leave what they were doing to retrieve menstrual products at home. Such disruptions cost considerable time and resources. Moreover, 46% of adult menstruators reported in a national study, [State of the Period](#), that they are afraid their career growth could be negatively affected if they ask for accommodations. Oftentimes, menstruators suffer through humiliating menstrual moments in public, like bleeding through their clothes or on chairs. Menstrual products are vital for the physical and mental health, well-being, and full participation of menstruators. Failure to consider period needs is a form of sex-based discrimination that disproportionately affects menstruators.

It is easy to blame menstruators for forgetting to bring their menstrual products with them. However, [14% to 25%](#) of women have irregular menstrual cycles, meaning their cycles can vary in length, flow intensity, or symptoms, like painful periods. While menstruators can anticipate the onset of menstruation, there is no way to predict the exact time of onset. In a [study](#) analyzing the time of day of onset of menstruation, only 13% experienced bleeding commencing within the same 3-hour time interval, and almost 50% demonstrated a very wide variation with onset at almost any time of day. Nevertheless, social stigma on menstruation continues to make menstruators feel shame about menstruation. In the United States, [58%](#) of menstruators are ashamed of having a period, and 51% of men believe that it is improper to discuss periods at work. Because of this, menstruators feel shame speaking about their periods and are uncomfortable asking others for help when they have difficulty obtaining them.

There is growing support nationally and globally for expanded access to free menstrual products. As examples from the past few years, [Ann Arbor](#), [Austin](#), [Utah](#), and [Washington DC](#) have passed legislation to make menstrual products free and available in state facilities. Congresswoman Grace Meng (D-NY) introduced sweeping legislation to address menstrual needs in the federal bill [H.R. 3646 - Menstrual Equity For All Act of 2023](#).

We urge you to support **SB3000 SD2** and welcome you to contact us with any additional questions you may have. Mahalo for your leadership and service to Hawai'i!

Me ke aloha,
Nikki-Ann Yee
Co-Founder & President
Ma'i Movement Hawai'i

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PERIOD.

March 12, 2024

Testimony in support of Hawaii Senate Bill 3000 - RELATING TO MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS

Aloha Committee Members,

PERIOD. is writing to testify in strong support of SB 3000, which would require the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in specified restrooms of public buildings maintained by that department, including all libraries. It requires DAGS to place free period product dispensers in all women's and gender-neutral restrooms. If there is no gender-neutral restroom, then the dispenser will be placed in at least one men's restroom to ensure access to everyone with signage in all locations. This bill takes practical and essential steps to address period poverty for all hawaiians who menstruate while using restrooms in public buildings.

Hawaii has already required free menstrual products in schools, and it is time to ensure free menstrual products are also available in public spaces.

- Research shows that 86% of menstruators get their periods unexpectedly while in public
- Increasing access to menstrual products in public spaces reduces health risks, alleviates the burden of period poverty, and protects the dignity of all people who menstruate.
- Menstrual products are a basic necessity like toilet paper and hand soap.

Establishing wider access to menstrual products would help ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities, reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings meeting basic needs, and promote greater menstrual equity in the state.

As a global youth-fueled nonprofit that strives to eradicate period poverty and stigma through service, education, and advocacy, PERIOD. is proud to follow the lead of Hawaii menstrual equity organizations like the [Mai'i Movement](#) in support SB 3000. Our strong network of over 250+ volunteer PERIOD. Chapters around the world support the increased access of free menstrual products in public buildings, and applaud this bill.

We strongly urge all members of this committee to increase access to menstrual products in public buildings and unanimously support SB 3000.

Mahalo,



Michela Bedard
Executive Director
[PERIOD.](#)



Damaris Pereda
National Programs Director
[PERIOD.](#)



Hawaii Women's Coalition

TO: House Committee on Health & Homelessness
Honorable Chair Della Au Belatti
Honorable Vice Chair Jenna Takenouchi
Committee Members

DATE: Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 09:00 am

FROM: Hawai'i Women's Coalition

RE: **Support for SB3000 SD2** - Relating to Menstrual Products in Public Buildings
Maintained by the Department of Accounting and General Services

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and committee members,

The Hawai'i Women's Coalition is a catalyst for progressive, social, economic and political change through action on critical issues facing Hawaii's women and girls. Members currently include 29 organizations and agencies (private, public, membership), as well as individuals. The coalition encourages the inclusion of interested parties and in achieving equitable representation.

The Hawai'i Women's Coalition respectfully submits testimony **in strong support of SB3000 SD2** and urges you to pass as is. The free provision of menstrual products is vital for ensuring the health, dignity, and full participation of menstruators. Women, māhū, trans men, gender non-conforming, and non-binary people who menstruate deserve to have their basic needs met.

Local data from the [2021 survey conducted by Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women and Ma'i Movement Hawai'i](#) explored the extent of period poverty and menstrual inequity in the state. Nearly 30% of respondents reporting that they or someone in their household experienced difficulty obtaining period products, **of which high cost was the most cited reason**. 84.7% believe menstrual equity is a real problem, like food and housing insecurity.

By providing menstrual products in state buildings and libraries, Hawai'i helps ensure those who menstruate have equal access to public facilities, irrespective of their gender or economic status.

SB3000 SD2 is an initiative that takes steps to address menstrual inequity in Hawai'i and promotes common goals of public health, basic equity, and gender equality for girls, and transgender and non-binary people. For all of these reasons, the Hawai'i Women's Coalition is pleased to support **SB3000 SD2**. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important matter.

Sincerely,
Hawai'i Women's Coalition



TO: House Committee on Health & Homelessness
Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair, Chair
Representative Jenna Takenouchi, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, March 13, 2024

FROM: AF3IRM Hawai'i

RE: SB 3000 SD2 RELATING TO MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS

Position: SUPPORT

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on SB 3000, SD 2. AF3IRM Hawai'i **SUPPORTS this measure.** This measure is an initiative that takes steps to address menstrual inequity by reducing health risks, alleviating the burden of period poverty, and protecting the dignity of all menstruating people.

Providing menstrual products in men's and gender neutral bathrooms is a key part of menstrual equity. Many AF3IRM members are also service providers and/or work for social service nonprofit organizations. We have seen that when non-menstruating boys and men have access to period products they are able to share them with their menstruating relatives, friends, and partners. Sharing free period products broadens access to those who need it, and also strengthens community care and understanding of period poverty as an issue that we can solve together.

In the same way that public goods such as education, libraries, and parks are for the people of Hawai'i, may we normalize and prioritize addressing the needs of our people. Through Ma'i Movement's years of advocacy, community members had a space to share their lived experiences with period poverty. They have inspired folks to also take action to address these needs through advocacy and collaborations with other nonprofit organizations, business, schools, and government leaders can continue to do their part in ensuring no one gets left behind.

Ma'i Movement's work has shed light on how period poverty and menstrual inequity result directly from socioeconomic, gender, and racial injustices. In the 2021 report, Hawai'i's "exceptionally high cost of living and wage gap for women specifically exacerbate period poverty in Hawai'i. In addition, 90% of respondents believed that menstrual products are "expensive" with nearly 30% of respondents reporting that they or someone in their households experienced difficulty obtaining menstrual products.

Please pass SB 3000 to ensure equity and dignity to girls, women, and menstruators / menstruating people. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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TO: Senator Joy San Buenaventura, Chair, Senator Henry Aquino, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services
Senator Angus McKelvey, Chair, Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee on Government Operations
FROM: Patricia Bilyk, RN, MPH, MSN, IBCLC (Retired)
Breastfeeding Hawaii Board Member

RE: SB 3000 Free Menstrual Products in State Buildings
DATE: Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Good Afternoon Chairs San Buenaventura and Mcelvey, and Vice Chairs Aquino and Gabbard and members of the Senate Committees on Health and Human Services and Government Operations.

I am Patricia Bilyk and I am speaking for Breastfeeding Hawaii in SUPPORT of SB 3000 to require the Department of Accounting and General Service to install in each covered restroom a dispenser or similar device for the provision of free menstrual products. Also to ensure access for all menstruating people, if a covered public building has no gender-neutral or family restroom, the department shall provide free menstrual products in at least one men's restroom in that covered building and place signage in the remaining men's restrooms in that covered public building to indicate the location of free menstrual products.

Breastfeeding Hawaii is a 501c3, non profit organization whose mission is to protect, support and promote breastfeeding in the State of Hawaii. We also support persons in their reproductive times specifically in this case their needs during menses. We also promote more gender menstrual equity in our State.

Menstrual products are a basic necessity for our population and visitors like toilet paper, and handsoap and economically in some cases, persons are unable to obtain them at a critical time. We are providing testimony in support of the needs of all menstruating persons who find themselves in public restrooms in need of supplies because their menses have arrived sooner than they anticipated. We would also like to see these products be placed in men's restrooms especially for gender-diverse persons.

We encourage you to pass this piece of legislation.

Thank you for accepting our thoughts on this important issue for our community and visitors

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 7:42:08 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kevin Kersting	IATSE local 665	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Bellati, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the House committee,

My name is Kevin Kersting. I'm a member of IATSE Local 665, the union representing technicians and artisans in the entertainment industry in Hawai'i. **I strongly support SB 3000 SD2**, relating to menstrual products.

According to the November 2021 study issued by The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women and Ma'i Movement Hawai'i entitled "*Understanding Period Poverty in Hawai'i*", 29.5% of respondents reported that they or someone in their household experienced difficulty obtaining period products. Nearly one in four of those surveyed say they've had to make sacrifices to afford menstrual products. Nearly half of all respondents have missed school or work because of their period. (<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/11.17.21-Understanding-Period-Poverty-in-Hawai%CA%BBi-Report.pdf>)

While they are now available at no cost in the HIDEOE system, menstrual products are not similarly available in public buildings maintained by DAGS. They are a necessity, not a luxury. It's important to support our 'ohana who are affected by this and it's imperative that we create access to these vital products. Period poverty and the broader issue of menstrual inequity are silent threats to menstrual health, and thereby affect overall general health and well-being. These threats have serious ramifications at the individual and societal levels, including detrimental impacts on public health, gender equality, mental health, access to education and work, and the ability to provide for one's basic needs. This bill is long overdue.

I strongly support SB 3000 SD2. I hope your committee will do the same. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Kevin Kersting



TESTIMONY FROM THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HOMELESSNESS

MARCH 13, 2024

SB3000 SD2, RELATING TO MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i **supports** SB3000 SD2, relating to menstrual equity.

As the bill states, period poverty and the broader issue of menstrual inequity are silent threats to menstrual health, and thereby affect overall general health and well-being. These threats have serious ramifications at the individual and societal levels, including detrimental impacts on public health, gender equality, mental health, access to education and work, and the ability to provide for one's basic needs.

According to the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, the section titled "Economic Justice and Labor" states "We believe that all people have the right to live a dignified life free from poverty and poor health".

As Democrats, we believe that period poverty, or the inability to access menstrual products, perpetuates systemic economic inequity.

It is our responsibility to remove this and any form of inequity affecting the people of Hawai'i.

We also welcome and applaud the wording of the bill that will provide menstrual products to all menstruating people, regardless of restroom type.

Therefore, on behalf of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, we urge you to support this bill.

Mahalo nui loa,

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 8:14:57 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Golojuch Jr	Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

The Stonewall Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai‘i; Hawai‘i’s oldest and largest policy and political LGBTQIA+ focused organization fully supports SB 3000 SD 2.

We hope you all will support this important piece of legislation.

Mahalo nui loa,

Michael Golojuch, Jr. (he/him)
Chair and SCC Representative
Stonewall Caucus for the DPH

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 5:50:12 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael Golojuch	Rainbow Family 808	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Rainbow Family 808 supports SB3000. Please pass this bill.

Mike Golojuch, Sr., Secretary/Board Member

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 6:19:41 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chelsea McDonough	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

My name is Chelsea McDonough. I am a current student at UH Mānoa, in my junior year of the Bachelor of Social Work Program. As a future social worker, I am committed to advocating for those who face challenges in our community and fighting for change to ensure equal access and opportunities for all which is why I am testifying in support of SB3000 to require the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in each covered restroom of each covered public building, including all libraries. Please pass the bill as is. Establishing wider access to free menstrual products would help to ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities, reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings meeting basic needs, and promote greater menstrual equity in the State. This bill is a unique opportunity to enact meaningful change and protect the dignity of girls, women, and all menstruators.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 8:45:02 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Wallyn Christian	Individual	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I, Wallyn Christian, STRONGLY OPPOSE SB3000.

Biologically, men WILL NOT EVER, have a menstrual cycle.

Also this will be a waste of tax payer money and there will be criminal damage to the machine and theft of the products!

This is a ridiculous bill and a waste of tax payer money.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 10:01:39 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michael EKM Olderr	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this bill; it helps the women of this island if they can't afford these essential items. It's there in case of an emergency, and it's common sense. Please support this bill.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 11:02:59 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Isis Usborne	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and other members of the Committee,

I support providing menstrual products for free in all state building bathrooms. Mahalo for this bill to support equity and health.

- Isis Usborne, 96815

Student at William S. Richardson School of Law

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:03:52 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Breanna Zoey	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the committee.

I am testifying in support of SB3000 to require the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in each covered restroom of each covered public building. Furthermore, the bill requires access for all menstruating people by providing products in gender-neutral restrooms and in absence of that, in at least one men’s restroom with signage in the remaining men’s restrooms.

In addition, this bill is an initiative that takes steps to address menstrual inequity by reducing health risks, alleviating the burden of period poverty, and protecting the dignity of all menstruating people. Menstrual products are a basic necessity akin to toilet paper, hand soap, and other personal hygiene products, but are economically out of reach for a growing number of menstruating girls, women, and gender-diverse people. Establishing wider access to free menstrual products would help to ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities, reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings meeting basic needs, and promote greater menstrual equity in the State.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

-breanna zoey (she/they)

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:11:26 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Linda Kim	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the committee.

I am testifying in support of SB3000 to require the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in each covered restroom of each covered public building. Furthermore, the bill requires access for all menstruating people by providing products in gender-neutral restrooms and in absence of that, in at least one men’s restroom with signage in the remaining men’s restrooms.

I support this bill because I have heard from many young people that they have skipped school due to the lack of menstrual supplies. This has to stop. Please support this bill.

In addition, this bill is an initiative that takes steps to address menstrual inequity by reducing health risks, alleviating the burden of period poverty, and protecting the dignity of all menstruating people. Menstrual products are a basic necessity akin to toilet paper, hand soap, and other personal hygiene products, but are economically out of reach for a growing number of menstruating girls, women, and gender-diverse people. Establishing wider access to free menstrual products would help to ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities, reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings meeting basic needs, and promote greater menstrual equity in the State.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Linda Kim, APRN

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:54:59 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kerestin Walker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the committee.

I am testifying in support of SB3000 to require the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in each covered restroom of each covered public building. Furthermore, the bill requires access for all menstruating people by providing products in gender-neutral restrooms and in absence of that, in at least one men’s restroom with signage in the remaining men’s restrooms.

I support this because I have experienced not being able to access period supply items when I needed them while I was experiencing homelessness in Maui in 2021,

In addition, this bill is an initiative that takes steps to address menstrual inequity by reducing health risks, alleviating the burden of period poverty, and protecting the dignity of all menstruating people. Menstrual products are a basic necessity akin to toilet paper, hand soap, and other personal hygiene products, but are economically out of reach for a growing number of menstruating girls, women, and gender-diverse people. Establishing wider access to free menstrual products would help to ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities, reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings meeting basic needs, and promote greater menstrual equity in the State.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Kerestin Walker

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 1:59:26 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sarah Kern	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

March 11, 2024

Aloha Chair Bellati, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

I am testifying in strong support of SB3000 to require the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in each covered restroom of each covered public building. Furthermore, the bill requires access for all menstruating people by providing products in gender-neutral restrooms and in absence of that, in at least one men’s restroom with signage in the remaining men’s restrooms.

In 2021, Ma’i Movement Hawaii and the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women published a study to better understand the ways that period poverty affects the menstruators of our state. The study found that 50% of respondents had missed school or work due to their periods and that nearly 30% of respondents had difficulty obtaining period products due to various barriers including cost, knowledge, accessibility, and stigma. Establishing wider access to free menstrual products would help to ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities and reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings meeting basic needs. This bill also protects the dignity of all menstruating people and promotes greater menstrual equity in the State.

Menstruation is a bodily function that is just as important as any other bodily function. It is a biological process, and people who menstruate cannot simply “opt out” of having their periods. Thus, menstrual products are a basic necessity like toilet paper, hand soap, and other personal hygiene products, but are economically out of reach for a growing number of menstruating girls, women, and gender-diverse people. The state currently provides soap, toilet paper, and paper towels in its bathrooms (and continues to stock them when vandalism or theft occurs) because those are basic necessities that people need to address

their bodily functions. The state doesn't expect non-menstruators to provide their own rolls of toilet paper in each of its buildings, yet it currently does expect menstruators to provide their own menstrual products. This is unfair and has been the status quo for far too long. The State of Hawaii can do better, and the people of Hawaii deserve better.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Mahalo nui loa,

Sarah Kern

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 2:53:59 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Keahi Kuikahi	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Bellati, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the House committee,

My name is Keahi S Kuikahi. I'm a member of IATSE Local 665, the union representing technicians and artisans in the entertainment industry in Hawai'i. **I strongly support SB 3000 SD2**, relating to menstrual products.

According to the November 2021 study issued by The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women and Ma'i Movement Hawai'i entitled "*Understanding Period Poverty in Hawai'i*", 29.5% of respondents reported that they or someone in their household experienced difficulty obtaining period products. Nearly one in four of those surveyed say they've had to make sacrifices to afford menstrual products. Nearly half of all respondents have missed school or work because of their period. (<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/11.17.21-Understanding-Period-Poverty-in-Hawai%CA%BBi-Report.pdf>)

While they are now available at no cost in the HIDOE system, menstrual products are not similarly available in public buildings maintained by DAGS. They are a necessity, not a luxury. It's important to support our 'ohana who are affected by this and it's imperative that we create access to these vital products. Period poverty and the broader issue of menstrual inequity are silent threats to menstrual health, and thereby affect overall general health and well-being. These threats have serious ramifications at the individual and societal levels, including detrimental impacts on public health, gender equality, mental health, access to education and work, and the ability to provide for one's basic needs. This bill is long overdue.

I strongly support SB 3000 SD2. I hope your committee will do the same. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

In Solidarity,

Keahi S Kuikahi

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 2:55:59 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
kayceekaleofilm@gmail.com	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Bellati, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the House committee,

My name is Kaycee Phillips. I'm a member of IATSE Local 665, the union representing technicians and artisans in the entertainment industry in Hawai'i. **I strongly support SB 3000 SD2**, relating to menstrual products.

According to the November 2021 study issued by The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women and Ma'i Movement Hawai'i entitled "*Understanding Period Poverty in Hawai'i*", 29.5% of respondents reported that they or someone in their household experienced difficulty obtaining period products. Nearly one in four of those surveyed say they've had to make sacrifices to afford menstrual products. Nearly half of all respondents have missed school or work because of their period. (<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/11.17.21-Understanding-Period-Poverty-in-Hawai%CA%BBi-Report.pdf>)

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I strongly support SB 3000 SD2. I hope your committee will do the same. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

In Solidarity,

Kaycee Kaleo Phillips

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 3:11:41 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lauralee Dice	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of this bill. Please make period products free in all state buildings under the control of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS). It requires DAGS to place free period product dispensers in all women's and gender-neutral restrooms. If there is no gender-neutral restroom, then the dispenser will be placed in at least one men's restroom to ensure access to everyone with signage in all locations. This bill is a unique opportunity to enact meaningful change in our government and community by addressing period poverty and menstrual equity.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 3:45:55 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Aleksandra Stein	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

I am testifying in support of SB3000 to require the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in each covered restroom of each covered public building, including all libraries. Please pass the bill as is. Establishing wider access to free menstrual products would help to ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities, reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings meeting basic needs, and promote greater menstrual equity in the State. This bill is a unique opportunity to enact meaningful change and protect the dignity of girls, women, and all menstruators.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 3:52:18 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sylvia Flores	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

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Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 4:15:22 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alissa Nelson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

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Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Alissa Nelson, MPH/LMSW

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 4:00:32 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laura Toterò	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Laura Toterò,

I'm a member of IATSE Local 665, the union representing technicians and artisans in the entertainment industry in Hawai'i. **I strongly support SB 3000 SD2**, relating to menstrual products.

According to the November 2021 study issued by The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women and Ma'i Movement Hawai'i entitled "*Understanding Period Poverty in Hawai'i*", 29.5% of respondents reported that they or someone in their household experienced difficulty obtaining period products. Nearly one in four of those surveyed say they've had to make sacrifices to afford menstrual products. Nearly half of all respondents have missed school or work because of their period. (<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/11.17.21-Understanding-Period-Poverty-in-Hawai%CA%BBi-Report.pdf>)

While they are now available at no cost in the HIDEOE system, menstrual products are not similarly available in public buildings maintained by DAGS. They are a necessity, not a luxury. It's important to support our 'ohana who are affected by this and it's imperative that we create access to these vital products. Period poverty and the broader issue of menstrual inequity are silent threats to menstrual health, and thereby affect overall general health and well-being. These threats have serious ramifications at the individual and societal levels, including detrimental impacts on public health, gender equality, mental health, access to education and work, and the ability to provide for one's basic needs. This bill is long overdue.

I strongly support SB 3000 SD2. I hope your committee will do the same. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

In Solidarity,

Laura Toterò

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 4:23:21 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Melissa W. Chong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Thank you for hearing SB3000. Please vote yes, and help end period poverty. Make a real difference in menstruating peoples' lives statewide.

M. Chong

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 5:09:56 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
T.K. Simmons	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support the movement to have menstrual products provided to female students in grades 3-12.

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Submitted on: 3/11/2024 5:14:54 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Katie Gardetto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Menstrual products are a basic human right. People who menstruate should not have to wonder how they will manage their bodies every month. Providing free menstrual products in public places supports basic healthcare of all people of Hawai'i. Please support this bill which therefore supports the health of the people of your state.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 5:16:53 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Olivia Jarvis	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

I am testifying in support of SB3000 to require the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in each covered restroom of each covered public building, including all libraries. Please pass the bill as is. Establishing wider access to free menstrual products would help to ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities, reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings meeting basic needs, and promote greater menstrual equity in the State. This bill is a unique opportunity to enact meaningful change and protect the dignity of girls, women, and all menstruators.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 5:44:23 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Patrick Jeppeson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Patrick Henry Jeppeso]. I'm a member of IATSE Local 665, the union representing technicians and artisans in the entertainment industry in Hawai'i. **I strongly support SB 3000 SD2**, relating to menstrual products.

According to the November 2021 study issued by The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women and Ma'i Movement Hawai'i entitled "*Understanding Period Poverty in Hawai'i*", 29.5% of respondents reported that they or someone in their household experienced difficulty obtaining period products. Nearly one in four of those surveyed say they've had to make sacrifices to afford menstrual products. Nearly half of all respondents have missed school or work because of their period. (<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/11.17.21-Understanding-Period-Poverty-in-Hawai%CA%BBi-Report.pdf>)

While they are now available at no cost in the HIDEOE system, menstrual products are not similarly available in public buildings maintained by DAGS. They are a necessity, not a luxury. It's important to support our 'ohana who are affected by this and it's imperative that we create access to these vital products. Period poverty and the broader issue of menstrual inequity are silent threats to menstrual health, and thereby affect overall general health and well-being. These threats have serious ramifications at the individual and societal levels, including detrimental impacts on public health, gender equality, mental health, access to education and work, and the ability to provide for one's basic needs. This bill is long overdue.

I strongly support SB 3000 SD2. I hope your committee will do the same. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

In Solidarity,

Patrick Henry Jeppeson

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 5:57:35 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kassandra Conner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

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Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 6:47:49 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kerry Perez	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB3000. The ability for all menstruating people to access basic sanitary health products, regardless of their economic or any other status, seems obvious.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 7:50:39 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Raelyn Reyno Yeomans	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in Strong Support of this bill. Thank you.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 8:07:44 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ashlee Valeros	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Bellati, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the House committee,

My name is Ashlee Valeros. I'm a member of IATSE Local 665, the union representing technicians and artisans in the entertainment industry in Hawai'i. **I strongly support SB 3000 SD2**, relating to menstrual products.

According to the November 2021 study issued by The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women and Ma'i Movement Hawai'i entitled "*Understanding Period Poverty in Hawai'i*", 29.5% of respondents reported that they or someone in their household experienced difficulty obtaining period products. Nearly one in four of those surveyed say they've had to make sacrifices to afford menstrual products. Nearly half of all respondents have missed school or work because of their period. (<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/11.17.21-Understanding-Period-Poverty-in-Hawai%CA%BBi-Report.pdf>)

While they are now available at no cost in the HIDEOE system, menstrual products are not similarly available in public buildings maintained by DAGS. They are a necessity, not a luxury. It's important to support our 'ohana who are affected by this and it's imperative that we create access to these vital products. Period poverty and the broader issue of menstrual inequity are silent threats to menstrual health, and thereby affect overall general health and well-being. These threats have serious ramifications at the individual and societal levels, including detrimental impacts on public health, gender equality, mental health, access to education and work, and the ability to provide for one's basic needs. This bill is long overdue.

I strongly support SB 3000 SD2. I hope your committee will do the same. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

In Solidarity,

Ashlee Valeros

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 8:21:47 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lahela Kamehanaokala Mattos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB3000. We need improved access to affordable and free menstrual products. As someone with a menstrual disability, this bill will support me in continuing my everyday responsibilities and would allow me to go to work, school, and function in public without the fear of my reproductive disability interfering. I am a student, a Native Hawaiian, a planner, and a wahine and I support SB3000.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 8:26:35 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Airabella Molina	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Subject: Testimony in Favor of SB3000 - Free Menstrual Products in Public Spaces

Airabella Molina

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03/11/2024

Subject: Testimony in Support of SB3000

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

I am testifying in strong support of SB3000, which mandates the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in each covered restroom of every public building, including all libraries. I wholeheartedly urge you to pass this bill as is.

This legislation addresses a critical need for menstrual equity in public spaces, ensuring that individuals have access to essential hygiene products without financial barriers. By requiring free menstrual products in covered restrooms, SB3000 promotes inclusivity, health, and equality across all public facilities.

As a community member, University Coordinator at Ma'i Movement Hawai'i, and recent graduate of The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, I've witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by individuals who menstruate. This bill represents a crucial step in recognizing the necessity of menstrual products as a basic right.

Providing menstrual products at no cost in public spaces is a practical and impactful solution to address period poverty. It eliminates the economic burden for those already facing financial

challenges, allowing them to engage fully in public spaces, including libraries, without the worry of affordability.

In conclusion, I emphatically support SB3000 and urge the committee to pass the bill without amendments. This initiative aligns with principles of inclusivity, accessibility, and public health, making it a vital step towards creating a more equitable and supportive community.

Mahalo for your attention to this matter and your commitment to improving the well-being of individuals in our community.

Sincerely,

Airabella Molina

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 9:04:24 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Danica Rosengren	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

I am testifying in support of SB3000 to require the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in each covered restroom of each covered public building, including all libraries. Please pass the bill as is. Establishing wider access to free menstrual products would help to ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities, reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings meeting basic needs, and promote greater menstrual equity in the State. This bill is a unique opportunity to enact meaningful change and protect the dignity of girls, women, and all menstruators. The cost of pads, tampons and cups have been a barrier to menstruators unable to afford menstrual products. This leads to mental health issues, anxiety, and menstruators opting out of athletic experiences because of fear of leakage. Hawai'i was just deemed a Trauma-Informed state. So please take this time to make a trauma informed decision, acknowledging that by passing this bill, you are relieving anxiety and health issues that so many menstruators do or at one point have faced.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 9:10:55 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sonny Ortiz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Bellati, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the House committee,

My name is [Sonny Ortiz]. I'm a member of IATSE Local 665, the union representing technicians and artisans in the entertainment industry in Hawai'i. **I strongly support SB 3000 SD2**, relating to menstrual products.

According to the November 2021 study issued by The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women and Ma'i Movement Hawai'i entitled "*Understanding Period Poverty in Hawai'i*", 29.5% of respondents reported that they or someone in their household experienced difficulty obtaining period products. Nearly one in four of those surveyed say they've had to make sacrifices to afford menstrual products. Nearly half of all respondents have missed school or work because of their period. (<https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/11.17.21-Understanding-Period-Poverty-in-Hawai%CA%BBi-Report.pdf>)

While they are now available at no cost in the HIDEOE system, menstrual products are not similarly available in public buildings maintained by DAGS. They are a necessity, not a luxury. It's important to support our 'ohana who are affected by this and it's imperative that we create access to these vital products. Period poverty and the broader issue of menstrual inequity are silent threats to menstrual health, and thereby affect overall general health and well-being. These threats have serious ramifications at the individual and societal levels, including detrimental impacts on public health, gender equality, mental health, access to education and work, and the ability to provide for one's basic needs. This bill is long overdue.

I strongly support SB 3000 SD2. I hope your committee will do the same. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

In Solidarity,

[Sonny Ortiz]

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 10:27:26 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christy MacPherson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the House Committee on Health & Homelessness,

I am in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB3000 SD2. This is an important step towards menstrual equity for members of our community who cannot afford to pay for period products. Not everyone will need these products at no cost, but we should ensure that those who do need them have access.

Mahalo for your consideration.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 11:15:27 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ann S Freed	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in strong support of this measure. Please pass out of committee.

Mahalo, Ann S. Freed, Advocate, Mililani

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 11:19:21 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thaddeus Pham	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and HTH Committee Members,

As a public health professional and concerned citizen, I write in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB3000 SD2, which would require the provision of menstrual products at no cost in each covered restroom of each covered public building. Importantly, the bill also requires access for all menstruating people by providing products in gender-neutral restrooms and in absence of that, in at least one men’s restroom with signage in the remaining men’s restrooms.

Having worked in local public health for over 15 years, I have witnessed how improving access to health products beyond clinic settings can vastly improve community health. Furthermore, recent research has found that the lack of access to menstrual products not only leads to worse health outcomes, but also contributes to "decreased participation in work and other activities".

(Source:

https://journals.lww.com/greenjournal/abstract/2020/05001/period_poverty_and_the_menstrual_product_tax_in.234.aspx)

This bill takes steps to address menstrual inequity by reducing health risks, alleviating the burden of period poverty, and thereby improving the contributions of our state's workforce. Menstrual products are a basic necessity akin to toilet paper, hand soap, and other personal hygiene products, but are economically out of reach for a growing number of menstruating girls, women, and gender-diverse people. Establishing wider access to free menstrual products would help to ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities, reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings meeting basic needs, and promote greater menstrual equity in the State.

To ensure this bill remains meaningful for all people of Hawai'i, please pass this bill with no additional changes.

Mahalo for considering this important bill for both health equity and economic good.

Thaddeus Pham (he/him)

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 11:56:23 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Madeline Walsh	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

I am testifying in support of SB3000 to require the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in each covered restroom of each covered public building, including all libraries.

Contrary to what society has told menstruators, access to menstrual care is a *basic need*. Just as public bathrooms supply free toilet seat covers, free toilet paper, and free soap, menstrual hygiene products are a necessity to each bathroom. Menstrual hygiene products are called *hygiene* products for a reason, and providing comprehensive access to them gives young menstruators access to sanitary, clean, and safe periods.

I urge this committee to pass this bill as is and contribute to a long overdue step forward in menstrual equity.

Mahalo nui for your time and attention, and for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 7:46:23 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Alexander Williamson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha from Ka'u. I am testifying in support of SB3000 to require the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at ZERO cost in each covered restroom of each covered public building, including all libraries. Please pass the bill as is- It is very important. Establishing wider access to free menstrual products would help to ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities, reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings meeting basic needs, and promote greater menstrual equity in the State. This bill is a unique opportunity to enact meaningful change and protect the dignity of girls, women, and all menstruators. Mahalo!

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 8:05:42 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Hannah Diaz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

I am testifying in support of SB3000 because I have been kept from school due to lack of menstrual products. When I was young, the lack also impacted my ability to enter public spaces due to foreseeable embarrassment.

Please pass the bill as is. Establishing wider access to free menstrual products would help to ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities, reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings meeting basic needs, and promote greater menstrual equity in the State. This bill is a unique opportunity to enact meaningful change and protect the dignity of girls, women, and all menstruators.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 8:46:43 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cynthia J. Goto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strong support for SB3000 SD2

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 9:04:34 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kiana Regets	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

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I think that passing this can be so impactful to children across Hawai'i who need menstrual products. They have reached such expensive prices in our states and for families going through financial hardship it may not be an expense that is accounted for. If we had these products when I was in high school it would have saved so many girls from shame, unsafe practices and unhygienic practices. Please consider the impact and benefit this can have on those individuals that menstrate.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 10:33:04 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Tricia M. Matsukawa	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

I am testifying in support of SB3000 to require the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in each covered restroom of each covered public building, including all libraries.

I've been seeing Ma'i Movement Free products in restrooms and think it's great. I've never seen anyone take advantage of the free products as those who don't need it won't take it. Just like having toilet paper & paper towels available, having period products for the use of those who need it is a necessity.

Please pass the bill as is. Establishing wider access to free menstrual products would help to ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities, reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings meeting basic needs, and promote greater menstrual equity in the State. This bill is a unique opportunity to enact meaningful change and protect the dignity of girls, women, and all menstruators.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Thank you,

Tricia

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 10:19:44 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kim Coco Iwamoto	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support SB3000 SD2. Menstral products are no different than toilet paper, hand soap and water in terms of containing biological matter from spreading in public spaces. We do not charge the public for toilet paper or hand soap when they use the public restroom; we should not charge people who menstruate for the materials they require to maintain public health.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 9:38:14 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
GLENISS AKAMINE	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

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Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 9:35:39 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michele K. Masterfano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Our [2024 Ma'i Advocacy Toolkit](#) breaks it down step-by-step. Or, just keep it simple and say:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

I am testifying in support of SB3000 to require the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in each covered restroom of each covered public building, including all libraries. Please pass the bill as is. Establishing wider access to free menstrual products would help to ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities, reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings meeting basic needs, and promote greater menstrual equity in the State. This bill is a unique opportunity to enact meaningful change and protect the dignity of girls, women, and all menstruators.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 11:28:51 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Taufa Setefano	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Taufa Setefano and I support measure SB3000 with providing free menstrual products in state buildings including libraries because it shows women support through providing accessible hygienic options conveniently.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 12:14:04 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emi Shigekane	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and Committee Members,

I am testifying in support of SB3000 to require the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in each covered restroom of each covered public building, including all libraries. Please pass the bill as is. Establishing wider access to free menstrual products would help to ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities, reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings meeting basic needs, and promote greater menstrual equity in the State. This bill is a unique opportunity to enact meaningful change and protect the dignity of girls, women, and all menstruators.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 1:18:41 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Maddalynn Seseapasara	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Takenouchi, and members of the committee.

I am testifying in support of SB3000 to require the Department of Accounting and General Services to provide menstrual products at no cost in each covered restroom of each covered public building. Furthermore, the bill requires access for all menstruating people by providing products in gender-neutral restrooms and in absence of that, in at least one men’s restroom with signage in the remaining men’s restrooms.

In addition, this bill is an initiative that takes steps to address menstrual inequity by reducing health risks, alleviating the burden of period poverty, and protecting the dignity of all menstruating people. Menstrual products are a basic necessity akin to toilet paper, hand soap, and other personal hygiene products, but are economically out of reach for a growing number of menstruating girls, women, and gender-diverse people. Establishing wider access to free menstrual products would help to ensure more inclusive and equitable access to public facilities, reduce barriers faced by visitors to state buildings meeting basic needs, and promote greater menstrual equity in the State.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

Mahalo,

Maddalynn Seseapasara

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 10:51:51 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I **strongly oppose** this Bill and urge all committee members to vote NO.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:35:41 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sharron VanDeusen	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3000!

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:26:54 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rosemarie Vailisale	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:37:51 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Deven English	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Why would we use tax payor money to put something in the men's restroom that is not needed at all? MEN do not need menstrual products because MEN don't bleed. God made ONLY 2 genders, MAN and WOMAN, one menstrates, the other does'nt. Figure it out, So ridiculous.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:38:12 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lora Santiago	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly oppose this Bill SB3000.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:41:09 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jackie Hester	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose SB3000 on the grounds it's ridiculous. Men's rooms?! Cmon! The woke BS won't stand. There are two genders, men don't menstruate. Women can pay for their own products like they have forever. Taxpayers don't need to foot the bill for this idiocy. Pull your heads out!

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 12:46:21 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Christopher Gouveia	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill due to the fact that men cannot menstruate and therefore, men's restrooms should not have women's menstrual products. They are for women and should only be in women's restroom's.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 2:54:21 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kaiulani Bowers	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this Bill as it is absolutely absurd that the State is going to spend our money on putting menstrual products in the MEN'S bathroom.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 3:22:38 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Yvonne Alvarado	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I Yvonne Alvarado Oppose to Bill SB3000 SD2

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 3:41:59 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
TERI SAVAIINAEA	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose SB3000 SD2.

Thank you,

Teri Kia Savaiinaea

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 3:52:53 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Chanara Casey Richmond	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I, Chanara Richmond, oppose SB3000

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 4:20:05 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ryan Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB3000 SD2

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 4:26:12 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kanoë Willis	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB3000 SD2

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 4:35:01 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David E Shormann	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Taxpayer dollars do not need to pay for this. Please just stick to toilet paper and paper towels, thank you!

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 6:35:51 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Terry Murakami	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 9:31:51 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Alice Abellanida	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am strongly opposed to this bill. What kind of insane world are we living in?!!

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 9:46:04 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
THOMAS KENT	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This bill is non-sense. Stop wasting tax payers dollars. I oppose this bill!!

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 9:46:48 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Cabjuan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Oppose this bill! Use our tax payer money wisely. Give to Maui victims instead

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 10:17:40 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rona Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB3000. There is no need for a feminine hygiene dispenser to be placed in any of the mens restroom if there is no gender-neutral restroom. Place the feminine hygiene dispenser right outside on the wall of the women and mens restroom.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/11/2024 10:18:49 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dennis Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE SB3000. There is no need for a feminine hygiene dispenser to be placed in any of the mens restroom if there is no gender-neutral restroom. Place the feminine hygiene dispenser right outside on the wall of the women and mens restroom.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 1:57:12 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Diane DePaolo	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 5:05:32 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Laurie Langton	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing in opposition to this bill. It is a complete waste of taxpayer money. If there was a true concern for providing menstrual products for women (the people who actually need them), this would have been a non-issue and would have been provided all along. However, the only reason this is now on the table is to support the ridiculous agenda that men can pretend to be women and pretend they menstrate.

This is not only a ridiculous waste of our taxes, it is encouraging this mental illness. A better use of this money would be counseling for these men who think they need menstrual products.

Stop bowing to this agenda and stop wasting time and money on these issues. The people of Hawai'i are completely done supporting those of you who vote for these issues. Know that you will be replaced if you continue to do so.

Mahalo,

Laurie Langton

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 5:37:20 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
David Williams	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly oppose this bill because men don't have periods and don't need feminine products in the men's room. I'm OK with it in the females bathroom but that's it.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 7:37:22 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Thaddea H Pitts	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

You have got to be kidding. My taxes may not be used on something so ridiculous.

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 7:49:34 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Rita Wong	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I OPPOSE Bill SB3000 SD2

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Submitted on: 3/12/2024 8:11:20 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
KV	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

There are only 2 genders. Hawai'i Democrats need to stop pretending that there are more than 2. Either make all bathrooms unisex, or people should use the appropriate men's or women's bathrooms. If you menstruate, use the women's bathroom. I do not support this bill as it is written, if the result is to have women's menstrual products in men's bathrooms. Men don't menstruate!

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 8:24:09 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joelle Seashell	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

There are 2 genders--male and female. Stop attacking our children with this marxist agenda.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2024 9:00:05 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Nicolette VonWiegandt	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please do not put menstrual products in men's bathrooms. It is an embarrassment to young boys and men and serves no purpose other than to signal to them a deeply mentally ill idea that they can have vaginas. It is not true. They will never have vaginas. This is a total waste of time and money.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2024 9:11:51 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Emmeline Macanas	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly OPPOSE Bill SB3000 SD 2. There is no need for this and is unnecessary and a waste of tax payers money. Hawaii has done without this and will not be needing menstrual products in MEN's restrooms. KILL this BILL.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2024 9:59:43 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kelly Klocker	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is a waste of time and resources. What % of people you think you are serving here? How about removing sales taxes or subsidize menstrual products for all? This is a crazy agenda you're pushing and I strongly oppose.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2024 11:43:53 AM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
james pirtle	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I do not consent

SB-3000-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/12/2024 4:41:53 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gabriella Bellisario	Gender Equity Movement	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Public buildings in a democracy should cater to the whole of the public. If I may begin with some basic statistics, half of the population has the potential to menstruate and over 10% of Hawaii's population lives below the poverty line. This means a significant portion of the public menstruates, but struggle to obtain menstrual products. Adequately supplied resources being available in the very buildings that truly benefit those below the poverty line is evidence of a government that is serving its people. This is the kind of government the people deserve, particularly the wāhine, who it is your job to serve just as much as the kāne. As our senators you must ask yourself if the available public services and resources are serving the entire public or just men? Gender Equity Movement, a student organization at Hawaii Pacific University supports this bill. Take this step to solve period poverty. Take this opportunity to serve the women of this state. Thank you.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2024 5:48:47 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Michele Nihipali	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

SB3000 will allow for the free period products in state buildings and college campuses. This is the first step in having these critical supplies available to women and girls who may not be able to afford sanitary supplies.

Please pass SB 3000. Thank you for your consideration,

Michele Nihipali

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Hauula, HI 96717

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Submitted on: 3/12/2024 10:17:55 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Allison Mikuni	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am testifying in support of SB3000 which is a step in the right direction for providing hygienic sanitation services in restrooms as basic and essential as toilet tissue and paper towels. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2024 10:19:00 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dylan Ramos	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

As a man born and raised in Hawai‘i, I support SB3000.

Mahalo,
Dylan Ramos
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Submitted on: 3/12/2024 4:51:02 PM

Testimony for HLT on 3/13/2024 9:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jeanine Acopan	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Opposed!!!