

SF1215 - 0 - Access to Menstrual Products at No Charge

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 Other Agencies:  
     Minnesota State

State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
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General Fund	-	374	110	110	110	110
<b>State Total</b>						
General Fund	-	856	392	392	392	392
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>856</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>392</b>
<b>Biennial Total</b>			<b>1,248</b>			<b>784</b>

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium	
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General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
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General Fund	-	.5	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>.5</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Lead LBO Analyst's Comment**

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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**Bill Description**

The bill requests the University of Minnesota to provide students with access to menstrual products (pads, tampons, or other similar products used in connection with the menstrual cycle) at no charge. The products must be available in restrooms used by students.

The bill provides a blank appropriation from the general fund to the University of Minnesota to pay the cost of supplies and equipment necessary to provide access to menstrual products.

**Assumptions**

This bill applies to University of Minnesota restrooms used by any University of Minnesota students systemwide regardless of gender or non-gender signage.

The locations of these restrooms include 5 campuses; 10 research and outreach centers; residence halls; health care clinics, veterinary clinics; museums; and county and regional extension offices.

Currently, the University provides menstrual products in approximately 400 restrooms for an existing ongoing cost of \$20,000.

This bill would require the University to provide menstrual products in 2,200 additional restrooms. Product dispenser equipment will need to be installed in these restrooms.

The new ongoing product cost is based on current pricing and volume used in existing spaces where these products are already provided.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

2,200 restrooms x \$120 in equipment and labor for installation = \$264,000 one-time cost and .5 FTE one-time in FY24

$(\$20,000/400) \times 2,200 = \$110,000$  ongoing starting in FY24

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

The product cost is ongoing.

**Local Fiscal Impact**

None.

**References/Sources**

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**Bill Description**

This bill requires Minnesota State to provide students with access to menstrual products (pads, tampons, or other similar products used in connection with the menstrual cycle) at no charge. The products must be available in restrooms used by students.

**Assumptions**

The requirement in the bill applies to restrooms used by students, regardless of any gender designation on the restroom.

Many Minnesota State campuses currently have some availability of these products in some restrooms and other locations. If this bill is enacted, locations would focus on restrooms and many more locations would be added. While many free locations already exist, information on stocking levels and costs is not sufficient to base a system-wide cost on.

For the purpose of this fiscal note, it is estimated that 1,000 additional restrooms would need to be equipped with dispensers.

Estimates of ongoing supply costs are preliminary and based on information obtained from the Aunt Flow company web site. This leading vendor states that 23% of students struggle to afford period products and that its cost is as low as \$10 per menstruating student per year. For this fiscal note, 23% is rounded up to 30% to acknowledge additional usage for convenience.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

One-time costs in fiscal year 2024

1,000 additional locations set up at a cost of \$200 each: \$200,000

Ongoing supply costs starting in fiscal year 2024

Female student headcount 94,000  
 x estimated use rate 30%  
 x estimated annual cost each \$10  
 = \$282,000

Total, fiscal 2024: \$200,000 + \$282,000 = \$482,000

Total, fiscal years 2025 and beyond: \$282,000

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

**Local Fiscal Impact**

**References/Sources**

Aunt Flow higher education specific web page <https://goaunflow.com/universities-student-government/>

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