

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$820	\$227	\$233	\$1,280	\$600 recur \$680 nonrecur	

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: N/A
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act N/A

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Bill allocates \$1 million (non-recurring) to ensure that menstrual products are provided at no charge to students in each women's bathroom, each gender-neutral bathroom and at least one men's bathroom in every state educational institution as defined in the state constitution (Article 12 Section 11).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Implementation of this bill will include the one-time costs for installation of dispensers plus ongoing costs to stock and maintain them.

Doña Ana Community College (DACC) has dispensers for free menstrual products in all women's bathrooms in all locations (32 bathrooms). Based on their costs, the costs for the NMSU system are as follows:

- One time cost for installation of Dispensers and Special Waste Receptacles: \$600,000
- Annual recurring supply costs: \$60,000
- Annual recurring labor cost to order, deliver and stock supplies: \$160,000

The table in "Estimated Additional Budget Impact" assumes a 3% annual rate of inflation.

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

N/A

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

N/A

TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Student governance at NMSU Las Cruces (ASNMSU) has proposed installing dispensers in buildings that are used extensively by students, like the student center, activity center, library, and a few classroom buildings and is willing to support this with student funds. It should be noted that there is no way to limit use of these products to only students.

Doña Ana Community College (DACC) has dispensers for free menstrual products in all women's bathrooms in all locations (32 bathrooms) and will need to install additional dispensers as called for in this bill. NMSU-Grants and NMSU-Alamogordo will need to implement this bill fully.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

This issue affects the academic performance of our students. From a [July 2024 Inside Higher Ed article](#): "Promoting access to no- or low-cost period products can support learners' mental and physical health and wellness and decrease stigma and shame around a sensitive issue." Also, students without access to menstrual products are more likely to miss class. Period poverty, defined as having to choose between purchasing menstrual products or paying other expenses, was reported by 19% of female students in a 2024 study. A 2021 study reported that "women who frequently experienced period poverty were more likely to report moderate or severe depression compared to those who had never experienced period poverty."

AMENDMENTS

N/A