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HB 19-1224

FINAL
FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Herod
Sen. Winter

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: FREE MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN CUSTODY

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure (<i>minimal</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

This bill requires correctional facilities and jails to provide free menstrual hygiene products at no cost to the person in custody. It increases state and local government expenditures on an ongoing basis beginning in FY 2018-19.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires state correctional facilities including the Department of Corrections (DOC) and the Division of Youth Services in the Department of Human Services and jails to provide menstrual hygiene products at no cost to the person in custody. Menstrual hygiene products that must be provided are defined in the bill and this requirement applies regardless of whether the facility is operated by a governmental or private entity.

State Expenditures

Beginning in the current year, FY 2018-19 and continuing thereafter, this bill increases DOC expenditures by less than \$10,000 per year. The department currently free provides menstrual hygiene products to female inmates, however they do not provide all of the products listed in the bill. Additional costs are estimated at less than \$10,000 per year to provide the products not currently offered. This is based on the current female inmate population, expected utilization of such products, and product management recommendations from clinical staff. It is assumed that additional appropriations will be requested through the annual budget process, if needed. Lastly, beginning in FY 2019-20, Joint Budget Committee staff workload increases by a minimal amount to collect data on county jail costs for menstrual hygiene products.

Local Government

Beginning in the current year, FY 2018-19 and continuing thereafter, this bill increases jail costs. Costs are increased for counties and cities that have a jail to provide all feminine menstrual hygiene products defined in the bill and to ensure that they are provided in a manner that does not restrict access to them. This amount will vary by jail depending on female population levels, the products currently provided, and the manner in which those products are provided and has not been estimated.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect April 25, 2019.

State and Local Government Contacts

Corrections
Municipalities

Counties
Sheriffs

Human Services