THE PROBLEM

1 in 5 menstruators in the United States cannot afford the price of menstrual products every month. Among those menstruators are the students that attend Oregon's public educational institutions, who may be subject to ridicule and shame from their peers because of their lack of access to sanitary products. According to a joint survey by Thinx and PERIOD The Menstrual Movement, 1 in 4 teens have missed class due to a lack of access to period products. It becomes a choice of attending class and facing stigma or simply staying home to deal with their lack of products in a private space.

Oregon's population makes up only about 1.3 percent of the United States' total population, yet our state is home to 2.6 percent of the nation's total homeless population. Additionally, as of 2019, 15.1% of Oregon kids under 18 were living under the poverty line, and 11.1% of Oregon families were food insecure on average.

THE SOLUTION

HB3294 will help eliminate period poverty by requiring all public institutions of education, including middle schools, high schools, public, post-secondary schools, public charters, and educational services districts to provide menstrual products in dispensers in school restrooms including gender neutral restrooms, available at no cost to students. Schools would need to provide dispensers in at least two restrooms per school by July 1st, 2021 and in all restrooms by July 1st, 2022.

THE STAGES

01

PHASE IN
School buildings must have 2 menstrual product dispensaries installed by 09/01/2021

02

ONE YEAR TO INSTALL
All female & gender neutral restrooms must have dispensaries installed by 09/01/2022

03

EDUCATION
Roll out educational components for students, teachers, and community members

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