

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I SYSTEM REPORT



REPORT TO THE 2024 LEGISLATURE

Report on the University of Hawai'i System's Provision of Menstrual
Products to Students at All Campuses

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The University of Hawai'i System's Provision of Menstrual Products
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Senate Resolution 23, SD1**

Senate Resolution 23, SD1 (SR 23), which was adopted by the Senate, urged the University of Hawai'i (UH) System to provide menstrual products, free of charge, to students at all of its university, community college, and education center campuses as part of a public health and education equity strategy that addresses economic disparities.

In addition to providing menstrual products systemwide, SR 23 also requested that each campus chancellor consult with the student council of their respective campus to determine the type and amount of menstrual products to be provided at their campus.

All University of Hawai'i campuses have implemented various methods to provide free products in restrooms and other high-traffic locations on their campuses. The amounts of free products provided and number of locations varies by campus:

- UH Maui College has placed a basket of tampons and pads *in all* women's and men's restrooms on campus. Baskets are refilled on average every two weeks (or as needed) by operations and maintenance.
- Leeward Community College has menstrual products available *in all* women's, men's and gender-neutral restrooms at the Pu'uloa (Pearl City) campus and in the women's and gender-neutral restrooms at the Wai'anae Moku campus with plans to expand to men's restroom in Spring 2024. Supplies are checked and refilled on a regular basis. The campus also distributes menstrual products out of their food pantry, Hānai'iā Leeward, and out of their Student Health Center.
- UH Mānoa provides menstrual products within the restrooms in the Campus Center (CC) as well as in the Food Vault Hawai'i Pantry, the Queen Lili'uokalani Center restrooms, and a few other women's and men's restrooms in buildings across campus.
- UH Hilo has 30 dispensers installed in women's, men's and gender-neutral restrooms around campus. The supply of products is housed and restocked by Auxiliary Services but also supported by the Women's Resource Center and the student government, UHHSA.
- UH West O'ahu has dispensers in several women's restrooms on campus. The dispensers are refilled on a weekly basis.
- Windward Community College has supplies available in all female and gender-neutral bathrooms on campus.
- Hawai'i Community College distributes menstrual products out of their Kahuaola Basic Needs Center and two of the most utilized restrooms on campus.
- Kaua'i Community College has menstrual products available in their Food Pantry, and Pantry staff also regularly refill dispensers in several women and gender-neutral bathrooms on campus.

- Kapi'olani Community College has seven restrooms, 6 women's and 1 gender-neutral, on campus that each dispense 50 pads and 50 tampons. They are currently using about 180 products (tampons and pads) per week. All bins are maintained and refilled weekly by the students of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. The campus also distributes menstrual products from the Kamokila Student Center and the food pantry when available.
- Honolulu Community College distributes menstrual products in several women's, men's and gender-neutral restrooms and other specific program areas such as Hulili Ke Kukui, Student Life & Development, Early Childcare Education, Academic Counseling, TRIO, Career Services, and Academic Support. As of Spring 2024, the campus is working to provide more distribution points in various restrooms and offices.

The chancellor at UH Hilo is scheduled to meet with the campus student government in Spring 2024. All other campus chancellors have already met at least once to engage their student government in the determination of the type and amounts of menstrual products to be provided on their respective campuses.

Currently, how the institutions resource the menstrual products varies across the campuses. Several campuses are supporting their initiatives through general operating funds, while other campus efforts are supported by student fees. Most campuses also receive donations from faculty, staff, community members and community organizations such as local churches, Ma'i Movement, Committees on the Status of Women, Zonta Clubs, Hale 'Opio Kaua'i, and I Support the Girls.

Following the compilation and review of this information about current status on every campus, and how current efforts are funded, **the University of Hawai'i systemwide leadership committed to ensure the provision of menstrual products free of charge to students at all of its university, community college, and education center campuses.**