

# Associated Students of Cerritos College

## IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

3/22/2023

Director Amy Parker introduced the following Resolution,  
Senator Jorge Diaz seconded the following Resolution

### A RESOLUTION

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#### Supporting Free Menstrual Products in College Restrooms

JR-2223-06

**Whereas:** Many students at Cerritos College rely on the menstrual products provided in college restrooms, which are currently sold at 25 cents per either tampon or pad; and

**Whereas:** While California law requires that community colleges have free products for those who need them,<sup>1</sup> they do not mandate that these products be in every bathroom, leading to products generally being dispensed via Falcon's Nest (or other east-side agencies) on the far-side of campus from most academic buildings, which leads to students having to walk significantly further when they need products in an emergency; for instance, a student in Liberal Arts or Auto Partners would have to walk about 1500 feet (0.3 miles) to get to the closest free products area; and

**Whereas:** Falcon's Nest has limited opening hours, being open 8 AM to 5 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 8 AM to 6 PM on Wednesdays, and 8 AM to 4 PM on Fridays, which for students taking late-afternoon/night classes can put them in a position of having no access to products; and

**Whereas:** For low income students, affording products can be a major problem, leaving them stranded without products when they most desperately need them; and

**Whereas:** This expense will help the thousands of on-campus students who rely on products from the college, as 84% of students report having missed or knowing someone who has missed instructional time due to a lack of proper access to period products<sup>2</sup>; and

**Whereas:** Other universities have for a long time provided products directly in bathrooms, like the University of Minnesota (since 2007) and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (since 2015); and

**Whereas:** Non-women who have periods are often forced into uncomfortable situations when attempting to get menstrual products, as gender-neutral restrooms do not currently have menstrual product dispensers; and

**Whereas:** The college is not currently in compliance with Education Code section 66027.7(b), which requires that a notice about the requirement of the college to provide menstrual products be published in all women's and gender-neutral restrooms, as well as at least one men's restroom;<sup>3</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2021/10/19/law-requires-free-tampons-csu-community-colleges>

<sup>2</sup> [https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0795/1599/files/State-of-the-Period-white-paper\\_Thinx\\_PERIOD.pdf?455788](https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0795/1599/files/State-of-the-Period-white-paper_Thinx_PERIOD.pdf?455788)

<sup>3</sup> [https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes\\_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=EDC&sectionNum=66027.7](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?lawCode=EDC&sectionNum=66027.7)

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**Whereas:** The college may be eligible for compensation for the products under Section 5 of 2021's AB 367; let it be

**Resolved:** The Associated Students of Cerritos College calls on the Board of Trustees to eliminate the current price for menstrual products in college restrooms, making them free for all students whenever they need them and reducing the burden of traveling across the campus for products; and let it be further

**Resolved:** The Associated Students of Cerritos College asks the Board of Trustees that menstrual products be made available, also for free, in gender neutral restrooms; and let it be further

**Resolved:** The Associated Students of Cerritos College asks the Facilities Department and the Board of Trustees to follow and abide by Education Code section 66027.7(b), and to explore whether the cost of providing products can be covered under Section 5 of 2021's AB 367; and let it be further

**Resolved:** Upon passage of this resolution, the Associated Students of Cerritos College Senate requests that Student Trustee Hector Ledesma forward on the desires of the students on this matter to the Board of Trustees.

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## Amendment History

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Senator Jose Hernandez moves to amend the final Resolves to strike “, as he represents the Associated Students in the Board” following “Board of Trustees”. Seconded by Senator Diaz. No objections, motion passes.

## Final Senate Action

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<b>Date of final vote:</b>	March 22, 2023
<b>Senators Voting Aye:</b>	Alamgir, Bolagh, Buckley, Bui, Chun, Dargo, Desai, Diaz, Echeverria, Garcia, A. Hernandez, J. Hernandez, V. Hernandez, Moran, Murillo, A. Reyes, S. Reyes, Roxas, Sapkota, Vashi
<b>Senators Voting Nay:</b>	None.
<b>Senators Abstaining:</b>	None.
<b>Vote Count:</b>	20 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain

## Committee Referral

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**Referred to Committee? No**