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Analysis: This bill would require the department of Education to provide feminine hygiene products to both public and private schools, as well as require the California State University system to provide feminine hygiene products sufficient to meet the needs for female pupils on each campus.

Pros: Makes feminine hygiene products more accessible for female students which would help their disadvantages in learning due to concerns regarding health needs in feminine hygiene, given that a percentage of our student population are homeless and certainly deal with this issue.

Cons: Bill does not specify that the CSU will receive state funding to provide these products. As this would be an extra cost, it is possible that the CSU will pass on the cost to students.

Recommendation: I recommend that we SUPPORT the above bill as having accessible feminine hygiene products on campus would decrease hardships female pupils face with menstruation. Although state funding is not provided to the California State University system for this cause, should this bill be passed, it is recommended that we advocate for policies to implement a self-sustainable funding for this ongoing need within the CSU system, such as holding donation drives for our students, so that this does not add to the cost of tuition or health fees.