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S.53 An act relating to exempting feminine hygiene products from the Vermont Sales and Use Tax – As Introduced

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Summary

This bill proposes exempting feminine hygiene products from the sales and use tax. As defined in the bill, these products include tampons, panty liners, menstrual cups, sanitary napkins, and other similar tangible personal property designed for feminine hygiene in connection with the human menstrual cycle.

Fiscal Impact

JFO estimates that this bill will reduce sales and use tax revenues by \$685,000 in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022. These reduced revenues will occur in the Education Fund.

This revenue reduction is expected to remain relatively flat in future fiscal years. Vermont's aging demographics are expected to put downward pressure on the demand for these products in the coming years.

Sources

The following sources were used to make this estimate:

- Fiscal estimates from other states for similar bills, including California, New York, Illinois, Florida, and Nevada.
- United State Census Bureau population estimates for the female population in Vermont.
- Industry estimates for the U.S. market for feminine hygiene products.