



# DIGNITY FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN HB 49/SB332

## PART 1: HEALTHCARE PRODUCTS

Requires correctional facilities to provide incarcerated women with necessary feminine hygiene products, including tampons, sanitary napkins, toothpaste, and no-lye soap at no additional cost.

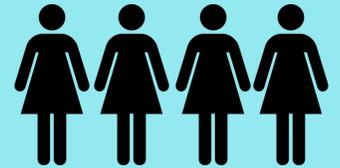
**FLORIDA  
2018**

6,658 women  
incarcerated in  
state run prisons.

7,861 women  
incarcerated  
in county detention  
facilities.

**THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
OVERSEES 143 FACILITIES STATEWIDE.**

**FOURTEEN OF WHICH  
EXCLUSIVELY HOUSE WOMEN.**



**WOMEN DO NOT HAVE CONTROL OVER THEIR MENSTRUAL CYCLES AND  
SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS WHILE INCARCERATED.**



**THE AVERAGE WOMAN USES  
APPROXIMATELY 20 TAMPONS PER CYCLE**

**INCARCERATED WOMEN IN FLORIDA REPORT RECEIVING AS FEW AS  
10 PADS PER MONTH AND ONE ROLL OF TOILET PAPER PER WEEK.**

**THERE IS NO FLORIDA LAW THAT ENSURES ACCESS TO FEMININE HYGIENE  
PRODUCTS IN DETENTION CENTERS. THIS MEASURE REMOVES AN  
ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC BARRIER FOR INCARCERATED WOMEN.**

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## PART 2: CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS

Restricts male correctional facility employees who work in women's facilities from conducting pat-down searches or body cavity searches on incarcerated women or entering spaces where incarcerated women are in a state of undress.

**700**  
*percent*

**GROWTH OF INCARCERATED WOMEN  
POPULATION IN THE PAST TWO DECADES**

**86%**

**OF WOMEN IN PRISON ARE SEXUAL-ABUSE SURVIVORS.**

**BETWEEN 2009 AND 2011,  
WOMEN REPRESENTED**

**13%**

**OF PEOPLE HELD  
IN LOCAL JAILS**

**67%**

**OF VICTIMS OF STAFF-  
PERPETRATED SEXUAL  
VICTIMIZATION.**



**38.9% OF WOMEN IN JAIL REPORTED AT LEAST ONE  
INCIDENT OF STAFF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND 5.8% IN JAIL  
REPORTED 11 OR MORE INCIDENTS.  
THESE WERE MERELY REPORTED INCIDENTS.**

**ALLOWING MALE OFFICERS TO CONDUCT PAT-DOWN SEARCHES  
AND ENTER RESTROOMS OR SHOWERS INCREASES THE POSSIBILITY  
OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND RE-TRAUMATIZATION.**

Dignity Florida Core Partners: Florida Alliance of Planned Parenthood Affiliates . Miami Workers Center .  
National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health - Florida Latina Advocacy Network . New Florida Majority

Dignity Florida Supporters: ACLU Florida . Community Justice Project . Cut 50 . Equality Florida . Florida Immigrant Coalition .  
Florida People's Advocacy Center . Power U Center for Social Change . Southern Poverty Law Center .  
Statewide Alignment Group . Women's March Florida

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