

**SUBJECT:** Requiring standards for feminine hygiene products in county jails

**COMMITTEE:** County Affairs — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 8 ayes — Coleman, Bohac, Anderson, Biedermann, Dominguez, Huberty, Rosenthal, Stickland

0 nays

1 absent — Cole

**WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Nick Hudson, American Civil Liberties Union of Texas; Mignon McGarry, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Texas District; Mandy Blott, Austin Justice Coalition; Traci Berry, Goodwill Central Texas; Kathleen Mitchell, Just Liberty; Cindy Klempner, National Alliance on Mental Illness Austin; Alissa Sughrue, National Alliance on Mental Illness Texas; James Skinner, Sheriffs' Association of Texas; Lori Henning, Texas Association of Goodwills; Lindsey Linder, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition; Krishnaveni Gundu, Texas Jail Project)

Against — None

**DIGEST:** HB 2169 would require the Texas Commission on Jail Standards to adopt rules and procedures establishing minimum standards for the quantity and quality of feminine hygiene products, including tampons in regular and large sizes with a plastic applicator and menstrual pads with wings in regular and large sizes, provided to a female prisoner.

The bill would require counties to include the number of female prisoners in county jails in their monthly reporting to the commission.

The commission would adopt the rules by December 1, 2019, and counties would have to incorporate the new information into their reports no later than October 5, 2019.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.