

HB 2713 - DIGEST

Establishes the women helping women act.

Creates a women helping women grant program within the department of commerce to enhance the capacity of local communities to: (1) Develop and strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to reduce violent crimes against women; and

(2) Develop and strengthen victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women.

Directs the sales and use tax for feminine hygiene products to women helping women grants to support services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and the children of victims.

Creates the women helping women account.

Requires the department of revenue to: (1) Estimate the amount of tax the general fund would lose if a tax exemption for feminine hygiene products was enacted; and

(2) Notify the state treasurer of the estimated amount.

Requires the state treasurer to transfer that amount from the general fund to the women helping women account.