

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2729

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Including House Amendments dated March 31

Sponsored by Representatives WHISNANT, REARDON, JOHNSON; Representatives ALONSO LEON, BYNUM, CLEM, HAYDEN, HEARD, MCKEOWN, NEARMAN, RESCHKE, SOLLMAN

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Establishes official name of open resources program as "Oregon's Open Educational Resources (OER) Program."

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to [*work regularly*] **collaborate** with public universities and community colleges to analyze and evaluate effectiveness of previously adopted open educational resources, [*and*] to increase number of open educational resources used in courses **and that are transferable between public universities and community colleges and to convene, as necessary to enhance effectiveness of program, faculty from public universities, faculty from community colleges and outside experts.**

Appropriates [*\$700,000*] **moneys** from General Fund to fund [*open educational resources*] **program.**

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to report to Legislative Assembly **during each regular session held during odd-numbered year** on amount of moneys [*open educational resources*] program has saved students, [*and on*] amount of moneys commission anticipates program will save students in future, **evaluation of existing barriers preventing approval of more open educational resources, description of student evaluations of program and impact of collaboration with open educational resources programs operated in other states.**

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to open educational resources at post-secondary institutions of education; and declaring an
3 emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 to 4 of this 2017 Act are added to and made a part of ORS 348.750**
6 **to 348.757.**

7 **SECTION 2. ORS 348.750 to 348.757 shall be known and may be cited as Oregon's Open**
8 **Educational Resources (OER) Program.**

9 **SECTION 3. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall collaborate with public**
10 **universities listed in ORS 352.002 and community colleges to:**

11 (1) **Analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of the open educational resources that have**
12 **been adopted and that are used in courses at public universities listed in ORS 352.002 and**
13 **community colleges.**

14 (2) **Increase the number of open educational resources that are:**

15 (a) **Used in courses at public universities listed in ORS 352.002 and community colleges;**
16 **and**

17 (b) **Transferable between public universities listed in ORS 352.002 and community col-**
18 **leges.**

19 (3) **Convene, as necessary for the purpose of enhancing the use and effectiveness of open**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **educational resources:**

2 (a) **Faculty from public universities listed in ORS 352.002;**

3 (b) **Faculty from community colleges; and**

4 (c) **Outside experts.**

5 **SECTION 4. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall report on the effec-**
6 **tiveness of Oregon's Open Educational Resources (OER) Program established in ORS 348.750**
7 **to 348.757 to the committees of the Legislative Assembly relating to higher education during**
8 **each regular session of the Legislative Assembly held during an odd-numbered year. The re-**
9 **port shall include:**

10 (1) **An evaluation of the amount of moneys students have saved as a result of the pro-**
11 **gram;**

12 (2) **An evaluation of the amount of moneys the commission anticipates future students**
13 **will save as a result of the program;**

14 (3) **An evaluation of existing barriers preventing the approval of more open educational**
15 **resources;**

16 (4) **A description of student evaluations of the program; and**

17 (5) **An evaluation of the impact of collaboration with open educational resources pro-**
18 **grams operated in other states.**

19 **SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
20 **ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,**
21 **2017, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for the purposes of hiring an open**
22 **educational resource specialist under ORS 348.753 and for carrying out Oregon's Open Edu-**
23 **cational Resources (OER) Program.**

24 **SECTION 6. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
25 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
26 **on July 1, 2017.**