

B-Engrossed House Bill 2729

Ordered by the House July 4
Including House Amendments dated March 31 and July 4

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 [*collaborate with*] **regularly convene faculty, staff and librarians from** public universities and community colleges **for purpose of coordinating program in specified manner** [*to analyze and evaluate effectiveness of previously adopted open educational resources, 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 moneys from General Fund to fund program.

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to report to Legislative Assembly during each regular session held during odd-numbered year on **summary of current status of program**, amount of moneys program has saved students, amount of moneys commission anticipates program will save students in future[,] **and** 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

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2 Relating to open educational resources at post-secondary institutions of education; creating new
3 provisions; repealing ORS 348.753; and declaring an 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. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall regularly convene**
10 **faculty, staff and librarians from public universities listed in ORS 352.002 and community**
11 **colleges for the purpose of coordinating Oregon's Open Educational Resources (OER) Pro-**
12 **gram by:**

13 (a) **Assisting and advising faculty at public universities and community colleges on the**
14 **adoption, implementation and storage of open educational resource materials that are**
15 **transferable between public universities and community colleges;**

16 (b) **Determining whether to develop a statewide repository of open educational resource**
17 **materials for the purpose of supporting the program and, if applicable, developing a plan for**
18 **the development of the repository; and**

19 (c) **Developing criteria that may be used to provide up to \$150,000 to public universities**

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 and community colleges for the purpose of increasing the creation, adoption or implementa-
2 tion of open educational resources.

3 (2) The commission may enter into contracts or agreements with public or private enti-
4 ties for the purpose of fulfilling its obligations under this section.

5 **SECTION 4.** (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall provide a report
6 on Oregon's Open Educational Resources (OER) Program to the committees of the Legisla-
7 tive Assembly relating to higher education during each regular session of the Legislative
8 Assembly held during an odd-numbered year. The report shall include:

9 (a) A summary of the current status of Oregon's Open Educational Resources (OER)
10 Program;

11 (b) A calculation of the amount of moneys students have saved as a result of the program
12 since the previous report filed under this section;

13 (c) A calculation of the amount of moneys the commission anticipates future students
14 will save as a result of the program; and

15 (d) An evaluation of existing barriers preventing the adoption of further open educational
16 resources at public universities listed in ORS 352.002 and community colleges.

17 (2) Any entity that enters into a contract or agreement with the commission under sec-
18 tion 3 of this 2017 Act must collaborate in the creation of each report required under sub-
19 section (1) of this section.

20 **SECTION 5.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
21 ated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1,
22 2017, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,000,000 for the purposes of carrying out
23 Oregon's Open Educational Resources (OER) Program.

24 **SECTION 6.** ORS 348.753 is repealed.

25 **SECTION 7.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
26 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
27 on July 1, 2017.

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