

Enrolled House Bill 2729

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to open educational resources at post-secondary institutions of education; creating new provisions; repealing ORS 348.753; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

SECTION 3. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall regularly convene faculty, staff and librarians from public universities listed in ORS 352.002 and community colleges for the purpose of coordinating Oregon’s Open Educational Resources (OER) Program by:

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

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

(c) Developing criteria that may be used to provide up to \$150,000 to public universities and community colleges for the purpose of increasing the creation, adoption or implementation of open educational resources.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Any entity that enters into a contract or agreement with the commission under section 3 of this 2017 Act must collaborate in the creation of each report required under subsection (1) of this section.

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

SECTION 6. ORS 348.753 is repealed.

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

Passed by House July 5, 2017

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

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