

House Bill 2729

Sponsored by Representatives WHISNANT, REARDON, JOHNSON; Representatives HAYDEN, NEARMAN

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 **as introduced**.

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to work regularly 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.

Appropriates \$700,000 from General Fund to fund open educational resources.

Requires Higher Education Coordinating Commission to report to Legislative Assembly on amount of moneys open educational resources program has saved students and on amount of moneys commission anticipates program will save students in future.

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; and declaring an
3 emergency.

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

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

7 **SECTION 2. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall work regularly with**
8 **public universities listed in ORS 352.002 and community colleges to:**

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

12 (2) **Increase the number of open educational resources that are used in courses at public**
13 **universities listed in ORS 352.002 and community colleges.**

14 **SECTION 3. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall report on the effec-**
15 **tiveness of the open educational resources program established in ORS 348.750 to 348.757 to**
16 **the committees of the Legislative Assembly relating to higher education by February 15,**
17 **2019. The report shall include:**

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

20 (2) **An evaluation of the amount of moneys the commission anticipates future students**
21 **will save as a result of the program.**

22 **SECTION 4. There is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for**
23 **the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$700,000 for the**
24 **purpose of carrying out the provisions of ORS 348.750 to 348.757 and section 2 of this 2017**
25 **Act.**

26 **SECTION 5. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
27 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
28 **on July 1, 2017.**

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.

