

HB 2214 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/25, 3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates money from the General Fund for Oregon’s Open Educational Resources program beginning July 1, 2019. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Interest in maintaining Open Educational Resources program
- Parallel work to textbook affordability legislation (House Bill 2213)

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 348.748-348.757 established the Open Educational Resources program requiring each public university and community college designate courses whose materials exclusively consist of open or free textbooks, or no-cost materials. The program required course designation appear in the internet course descriptions or be provided during course registration. It also required the designation appear on the bookstore materials list.

House Bill 2214 would appropriate money from the General Fund for the Oregon Educational Resources program beginning July 1, 2019.