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Relating to academic textbook affordability.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS 348.748 to 348.757.

SECTION 2. (1) Each community college and public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall establish a textbook affordability plan. Each plan established under this section shall:

(a) Contain measurable goals for increasing textbook affordability, such as:

(A) Establishing a target amount of student savings that will result from adoption of the plan; or

(B) Requiring that a certain number of courses offered by the community college or public university be designated as using low-cost or no-cost course materials under ORS 348.757.

(b) Address how to best mitigate the economic impact of decreased academic bookstore revenue as a result of the increased adoption of low-cost or no-cost open educational resources.

(c) Set forth the steps the community college or public university will take to advertise the availability of academic courses designated as using low-cost or no-cost course materials under ORS 348.757.

(d) Contain a statement of support for the academic freedom of faculty and instructors to select high-quality course materials for courses taught by the faculty and instructors.

(e) Establish a process for faculty and instructors to be informed about available low-cost and no-cost course materials.

(2) At least one student representative must be included and consulted in the development of each textbook affordability plan established under subsection (1) of this section.