

House Bill 2213

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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 each community college and public university to ensure that course description for every academic course offered in succeeding academic term lists all textbooks enrolled students are required to purchase. Creates limited exceptions.

Requires each community college and public university to establish textbook affordability plan. States required elements of plan. Requires at least one student representative to be involved in developing plan.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to academic textbook affordability.

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

4 **SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2019 Act are added to and made a part of ORS 348.748**
5 **to 348.757.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) In order to ensure compliance with the Higher Education Opportunity**
7 **Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-315) and any subsequent federal law requirements regarding textbook**
8 **information and affordability, each community college and public university listed in ORS**
9 **352.002 shall ensure that the course description for every academic course that will be of-**
10 **fered in the succeeding academic term lists all textbooks that a student enrolled in the**
11 **course is required to purchase.**

12 **(2) The list of textbooks required under subsection (1) of this section must be publicly**
13 **available on the course description no later than by the first day on which a student can**
14 **register to enroll in the course.**

15 **(3)(a) If an academic course that is offered in the succeeding academic term will not have**
16 **an assigned instructor by the date set forth in subsection (2) of this section, the academic**
17 **department offering the course is responsible for meeting the requirements set forth in**
18 **subsections (1) and (2) of this section.**

19 **(b) A list of textbooks created by an academic department under paragraph (a) of this**
20 **subsection:**

21 **(A) Shall, to the extent practicable, consider requiring low-cost or no-cost open educa-**
22 **tional resources; and**

23 **(B) May be changed by the instructor who is later assigned to teach the academic course,**
24 **if the revised materials required for the course are of equal or lower cost to the students**
25 **than the list of textbooks created by the academic department.**

26 **SECTION 3. (1) Each community college and public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall**
27 **establish a textbook affordability plan. Each plan established under this section shall:**

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

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

3 **(B) Requiring that a certain number of courses offered by the community college or**
4 **public university be designated as using low-cost or no-cost course materials under ORS**
5 **348.757.**

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

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

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

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

16 **(2) At least one student representative must be included and consulted in the develop-**
17 **ment of each textbook affordability plan established under subsection (1) of this section.**

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