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By House Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Jacobsen, Wood, Wineberry, R. Fisher and Anderson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education; adding a new section to
2 chapter 28B.10 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 When purchasing or ordering textbooks, course materials, and
7 library books, institutions of higher education shall strongly
8 encourage publishers to accomplish, as rapidly as the technology
9 becomes available, the following:

10 (1) Make textbooks, library books, and course materials available
11 in a computer-based format, which may include optical storage media,
12 including CD ROM, for students with print disabilities enrolled at the
13 institution;

1 (2) Provide the materials in computer-based format at a reasonable
2 and affordable price;

3 (3) Ensure that the computer-based format complies with established
4 industry guideline standards for machine readable documents for persons
5 with print disabilities; and

6 (4) Provide the materials in computer-based format in a timely
7 manner to support the educational needs of students with print
8 disabilities.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The academic officers of the public
10 four-year institutions of higher education and the instructional
11 officers at the community and technical colleges shall:

12 (1) Work closely with their faculty and appropriate administrators
13 to disseminate information about the availability of materials and
14 textbooks that have been converted to electronic formats;

15 (2) Encourage faculty and appropriate administrators to, where
16 feasible, use materials and textbooks that have been converted to
17 electronic formats; and

18 (3) Encourage the development of additional materials and textbooks
19 in electronic formats to better serve students with disabilities.