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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

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

5 (1) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this  
6 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

7 (a) "Campus coordinator" means a designated facilitator to  
8 promote, assist, and support the creation of open educational  
9 resources by establishing and coordinating training seminars,  
10 creating workshops, helping faculty and staff identify available  
11 resources and funding, and cataloging and evaluating open educational  
12 resources used or created by an institution of higher education's  
13 faculty.

14 (b) "Open educational resources" means freely accessible, openly  
15 licensed educational textbooks, documents, materials, and media that  
16 reside in the public domain for free use and repurposing for the  
17 intention of teaching, learning, assessing, and researching.

18 (2)(a) Subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this  
19 specific purpose, the student achievement council shall administer  
20 the open educational resources grant pilot program for the four-year  
21 institutions of higher education. A grant received under the pilot  
22 program must be used for either (a)(i) or (ii) of this subsection, or  
23 both:

24 (i) Create a designated campus coordinator who will be the campus  
25 lead and centralized contact regarding open educational resources; or

26 (ii) Support faculty to adopt and modify, or create new, open  
27 educational resources for the purpose of reducing students' cost of  
28 attendance. Grant dollars may not be used to duplicate open  
29 educational resources that are already free and publicly available.

30 (b) The student achievement council shall develop an application  
31 form for the grant, a process for reviewing and selecting grant  
32 applicants, a process for awarding grant funding, and a process for

1 the grant awardee to report back to the student achievement council  
2 on the use of the grant. The student achievement council shall  
3 prioritize applications that estimate the highest cost reduction to  
4 students, whether it be on an individual basis or across a field of  
5 study or the institution.

6 (c) The student achievement council shall determine how many  
7 grants may be awarded based on the funding received for the pilot  
8 program.

9 (d) In addition to the grant program, the student achievement  
10 council shall conduct outreach to other states and higher education  
11 agencies to identify whether there is interest in establishing a  
12 multistate open educational resources network to facilitate and  
13 establish a platform for peer review, coordinating, and sharing of  
14 open educational resources.

15 (e) The student achievement council shall report to the  
16 appropriate committees of the legislature in accordance with the  
17 reporting requirements in RCW 43.01.036 by December 1, 2019, on the  
18 open educational resources grant pilot program and on the outreach  
19 conducted regarding a multistate open educational resources network.  
20 The report must include information on the number of grant  
21 applications received, the number of grants awarded, and an  
22 evaluation of how the grants were used to expand the use of open  
23 educational resources. In addition, the report must include how the  
24 student achievement council conducted outreach to other states on the  
25 concept of a multistate open educational resources network and the  
26 feedback from those states.

27 (3) By December 1, 2019, the Washington state institute for  
28 public policy shall conduct a study on the cost of textbooks and  
29 course materials and the use of open educational resources at four-  
30 year institutions of higher education across the state and submit a  
31 report to the appropriate committees of the legislature in accordance  
32 with RCW 43.01.036. The institute shall conduct outreach to relevant  
33 stakeholders, including representatives of the publishing community,  
34 prior to drafting their final report. To the extent data are  
35 available, the study should address:

36 (a) The types of and average cost per student for required  
37 textbooks and course materials, including digital access codes and  
38 bundled items, in the state, at each four-year institution of higher  
39 education, and in specific degree programs;

1 (b) The use of open educational resources at four-year  
2 institutions of higher education and in specific degree programs or  
3 courses, or both; and

4 (c) Any other information regarding textbooks, course materials,  
5 or best practices in the development and dissemination of open  
6 educational resources that the Washington state institute for public  
7 policy deems relevant.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of  
9 this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not  
10 provided by June 30, 2018, in the omnibus appropriations act, this  
11 act is null and void."

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12 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "resources;" strike the  
13 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter  
14 28B.10 RCW; and creating a new section."

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