CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1375

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COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES--COURSE MATERIALS COST--INFORMATION

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Passed by the House March 8, 2017
Yeas 97  Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 6, 2017
Yeas 49  Nays 0

CYRUS HABIB
President of the Senate

Approved April 21, 2017 10:35 AM

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the
House of Representatives of the
State of Washington, do hereby
certify that the attached is
ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE
BILL 1375 as passed by House of
Representatives and the Senate on
the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN
Chief Clerk

FILED

April 21, 2017

JAY INSLEE
Governor of the State of Washington

Secretary of State
State of Washington
AN ACT Relating to providing students with the costs of required course materials; adding a new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature recognizes the high cost of textbooks and the burden this can create for students. The legislature also recognizes the work of the state board for community and technical colleges in creating the open course library, in which free textbooks and other course materials are available for eighty-one of the highest enrolled courses in the community and technical college system. The student public interest research groups completed a cost analysis of the open course library and found that students who take open course library courses save ninety-six dollars on average per course over a traditional textbook. Therefore, it is the legislature's intent to incentivize faculty to use resources available on the open course library by informing students of a textbook's cost when they register for a class.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 28B.50 RCW to read as follows:
(1) To the maximum extent practicable, but no later than the first full quarter after a community or technical college has implemented the ctcLink system, a community or technical college shall provide the following information to students during registration by displaying it in the online course description or by providing a link that connects to the bookstore's web site or other web site where students can search and view:

(a) The cost of any required textbook or other course materials; and

(b) Whether a course uses open educational resources.

(2) If a course's required textbooks and course materials are not determined prior to registration due to an unassigned faculty member, the textbooks' and course materials' cost must be provided as soon as feasible after a faculty member is assigned.

(3) Each community and technical college shall report to the college board which courses provided textbooks' and course materials' costs to students during registration, and what percent of total classes this equaled. The college board shall report the information to the legislature in accordance with RCW 43.01.036 by January 1st of each biennium, beginning with January 1, 2019.

**NEW SECTION. Sec. 3.** If specific funding for the purposes of this act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by June 30, 2017, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and void.

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