

**HB 1119** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development

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

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.10.590 and 2009 c 241 s 1 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The boards of regents of the state universities, the boards  
6 of trustees of the regional universities and The Evergreen State  
7 College, and the boards of trustees of each community and technical  
8 college district, in collaboration with affiliated bookstores and  
9 student and faculty representatives, shall adopt rules requiring  
10 that:

11 (a) Affiliated bookstores:

12 (i) Provide students the option of purchasing materials that are  
13 unbundled when possible, disclose to faculty and staff the costs to  
14 students of purchasing materials, and disclose publicly how new  
15 editions vary from previous editions;

16 (ii) Actively promote and publicize book buy-back programs;

17 (iii) Disclose retail costs for course materials on a per course  
18 basis to faculty and staff and make this information publicly  
19 available; and

20 (iv) Disclose information to students on required course  
21 materials including but not limited to title, authors, edition,  
22 price, and International Standard Book Number (ISBN) at least four  
23 weeks before the start of the class for which the materials are  
24 required. The chief academic officer may waive the disclosure  
25 requirement provided in this subsection (1)(a)(iv), on a case-by-case  
26 basis, if students may reasonably expect that nearly all information  
27 regarding course materials is available four weeks before the start  
28 of the class for which the materials are required. The requirement  
29 provided in this subsection (1)(a)(iv) does not apply if the faculty  
30 member using the course materials is hired four weeks or less before  
31 the start of class; and

1 (b) Faculty and staff members consider the least costly practices  
2 in assigning course materials, such as adopting the least expensive  
3 edition available, adopting free, open textbooks when available, and  
4 working with college librarians to put together collections of free  
5 online web and library resources, when educational content is  
6 comparable as determined by the faculty.

7 (2) The state universities, the regional universities, and The  
8 Evergreen State College shall each designate in their online course  
9 descriptions used by students for registration purposes whether a  
10 course uses open educational resources or low-cost required  
11 instructional materials. If a course's required textbooks and course  
12 materials are not determined prior to registration due to an  
13 unassigned faculty member, the textbooks' and course materials' low-  
14 cost or open educational resource designation must be provided as  
15 soon as feasible after a faculty member is assigned.

16 (3) As used in this section:

17 (a) "Materials" means any supplies or texts required or  
18 recommended by faculty or staff for a given course.

19 (b) "Bundled" means a group of objects joined together by  
20 packaging or required to be purchased as an indivisible unit.

21 (c) "Low-cost" means the entire course's required instructional  
22 materials equal \$50 or less in 2021 dollars. The institutions of  
23 higher education shall adjust the dollar value of low-cost course  
24 materials at least once every five years to reflect the percentage  
25 change in the consumer price index over the preceding five years."

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26 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "education;" strike the  
27 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 28B.10.590."

EFFECT: Requires the institutions of higher education to adjust  
the dollar value of low-cost course materials at least once every 5  
years to reflect the change in inflation.

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