
ENGROSSED SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2337

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1 AN ACT Relating to open educational resources in K-12 education;
2 adding a new section to chapter 28A.300 RCW; creating a new section;
3 and providing an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds the state's recent
6 adoption of common core K-12 standards provides an opportunity to
7 develop high-quality, openly licensed K-12 courseware that is aligned
8 with these standards. By developing this library of openly licensed
9 courseware and making it available to school districts free of charge,
10 the state and school districts will be able to provide students with
11 curricula and texts while substantially reducing the expenses that
12 districts would otherwise incur in purchasing these materials. In
13 addition, this library of openly licensed courseware will provide
14 districts and students with a broader selection of materials, and
15 materials that are more up-to-date.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
17 RCW to read as follows:

18 (1)(a) Subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this

1 specific purpose, the superintendent of public instruction shall take
2 the lead in developing openly licensed courseware aligned with the
3 common core state standards and placed under an attribution license,
4 registered by a nonprofit organization with domain expertise in open
5 courseware, that allows others to use, distribute, and create
6 derivative works based upon the digital material, while still allowing
7 the authors or creators to retain the copyright and to receive credit
8 for their efforts.

9 (b) During the course of development, the superintendent:

10 (i) May contract with third parties for all or part of the
11 development;

12 (ii) May adopt or adapt existing high quality openly licensed K-12
13 courseware aligned with the common core state standards;

14 (iii) Must use best efforts to seek additional outside funding by
15 actively partnering with private organizations;

16 (iv) Must work collaboratively with other states that have adopted
17 the common core state standards and collectively share results; and

18 (v) Must include input from classroom practitioners, including
19 librarians, in the results reported under subsection (2)(d) of this
20 section.

21 (2) The superintendent of public instruction must also:

22 (a) Advertise to school districts the availability of openly
23 licensed courseware, with an emphasis on the fact that the courseware
24 is available at no cost to the districts;

25 (b) Identify an open courseware repository to which openly licensed
26 courseware developed under this section may be submitted, in which
27 openly licensed courseware may be housed, and from which openly
28 licensed courseware may be easily accessed, all at no cost to school
29 districts;

30 (c) Provide professional development programs that offer support,
31 guidance, and instruction regarding the creation, use, and continuous
32 improvement of open courseware; and

33 (d) Report to the governor and the education committees of the
34 legislature on a biennial basis, beginning December 1, 2013, and ending
35 December 1, 2017, regarding development of openly licensed courseware
36 aligned with the common core state standards and placed under an
37 attribution license, use by school districts of openly licensed
38 courseware, and professional development programs provided.

1 (3) School districts may, but are not required to, use any of the
2 openly licensed courseware.

3 (4) As used in this section, "courseware" includes the course
4 syllabus, scope and sequence, instructional materials, modules,
5 textbooks, including the teacher's edition, student guides,
6 supplemental materials, formative and summative assessment supports,
7 research articles, research data, laboratory activities, simulations,
8 videos, open-ended inquiry activities, and any other educationally
9 useful materials.

10 (5) This section expires June 30, 2018.

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