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By House Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Representatives Carlyle, Orwall, Sullivan, Maxwell, Lytton, Zeiger, Reykdal, Pettigrew, Lias, Dammeier, Fitzgibbon, Pedersen, Hunt, and Hudgins)

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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. Because this opportunity will both
16 improve student learning and reduce costs, the legislature finds that
17 there are valid educational reasons for temporarily reinvesting a
18 portion of the state allocation for curriculum and textbooks in order
19 to develop this library of openly licensed courseware.

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

3 (1)(a) Subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this
4 specific purpose, the superintendent of public instruction shall take
5 the lead in developing openly licensed courseware aligned with the
6 common core state standards and placed under a Creative Commons
7 attribution license that allows others to use, distribute, and create
8 derivative works based upon the digital material, while still allowing
9 the authors or creators to retain the copyright and to receive credit
10 for their efforts.

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

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

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

16 (iii) Must use best efforts to seek additional outside funding; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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