

# House Bill 3651

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Joint Boards of Education to prepare report on strategies for reducing higher education textbook costs.

Sunssets on date of convening of 2013 legislative session.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to higher education textbooks; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Joint Boards of Education shall examine and recommend adoption**  
5 **of strategies for making textbooks more affordable for students at all post-secondary insti-**  
6 **tutions in this state.**

7 **(2) The Joint Boards of Education shall analyze the success and shortcomings of ORS**  
8 **337.500 to 337.506 and the textbook affordability provisions of the federal Higher Education**  
9 **Opportunity Act of 2008 regarding textbook bundling and price disclosure for textbooks.**

10 **(3) In their report, the Joint Boards of Education shall:**

11 **(a) Identify and examine textbook cost-savings strategies, including:**

12 **(A) Statewide bulk purchasing of textbooks;**

13 **(B) Statewide used book exchanges;**

14 **(C) Use of lower cost instructional materials, such as open source textbooks and other**  
15 **open source materials;**

16 **(D) Promotion of instructor-created open source textbooks by Oregon faculty or teams**  
17 **of Oregon faculty;**

18 **(E) Use of statewide licenses for textbooks;**

19 **(F) Use of shared online materials;**

20 **(G) Creation of a statewide central repository allowing instructors to locate and use free**  
21 **or low-cost materials;**

22 **(H) Use of textbook rentals;**

23 **(I) Facilitation of peer-to-peer textbook sales;**

24 **(J) Use of print on demand services for book publishing; and**

25 **(K) Partnering with other state, regional and national organizations in adopting textbook**  
26 **cost-savings strategies;**

27 **(b) Recommend implementation strategies and, through the State Board of Higher Edu-**  
28 **cation and the State Board of Education, direct community colleges and institutions of**  
29 **higher education to implement the strategies; and**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1       (c) Analyze potential cost savings for kindergarten through grade 12 school districts.
- 2       (4) The Joint Boards of Education shall solicit significant participation in preparing its
- 3 report from students, faculty and bookstore managers at community colleges and insti-
- 4 tutions of higher education.
- 5       (5) Any strategies recommended in the report must respect the principles of academic
- 6 freedom, maintain quality of instruction, foster student success and respect copyright law.
- 7       (6) The report must identify recommended strategies that require rule adoption by the
- 8 State Board of Higher Education and the State Board of Education, and strategies that re-
- 9 quire additional legislation.
- 10       (7) The Joint Boards of Education shall hold at least three public meetings during the
- 11 preparation of the report to discuss its progress and solicit additional participation from
- 12 students, faculty and the general public.
- 13       (8) The final report from the Joint Boards of Education must be submitted to an interim
- 14 committee of the Legislative Assembly with subject matter authority over higher education
- 15 prior to October 1, 2012.
- 16       SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2011 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2013
- 17 regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.
- 18       SECTION 3. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
- 19 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect
- 20 on its passage.

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