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House Bill 4058

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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.

[Directs Joint Boards of Education and Higher Education Coordinating Commission to prepare report on strategies for reducing higher education textbook costs.]

Directs Higher Education Coordinating Commission to convene work group to study strategies for and make recommendations on reducing higher education textbook costs. Requires commission to deliberate upon recommendations of work group and forward recommendations to appropriate interim committee of Legislative Assembly before November 1, 2012.

Sunsets on date of convening of 2013 regular session of Legislative Assembly.

[Declares emergency, effective on passage.]

Takes effect July 1, 2012.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to higher education textbooks; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall convene a work**
5 **group to examine and recommend adoption of strategies for making textbooks more afford-**
6 **able for students at all post-secondary institutions in this state.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 **(J) Use of print on demand services for book publishing; 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 **(K) Partnering with other state, regional and national organizations in adopting textbook**
2 **cost-savings strategies; and**

3 **(b) Recommend implementation strategies and, through the State Board of Higher Edu-**
4 **cation and the State Board of Education, recommend how community colleges and insti-**
5 **tutions of higher education may implement the strategies.**

6 **(3) The work group shall solicit significant participation in its analysis from:**

7 **(a) Students, faculty and bookstore managers at community colleges and institutions of**
8 **higher education; and**

9 **(b) Publishers that provide books and other materials to bookstores at community col-**
10 **leges and institutions of higher education.**

11 **(4) Upon receiving the work group's recommendations, the Higher Education Coordinat-**
12 **ing Commission shall deliberate upon the recommendations. The commission shall forward**
13 **the recommendations to the interim committee of the Legislative Assembly with subject**
14 **matter authority over higher education before November 1, 2012.**

15 **(5) Any strategies recommended by the work group must respect the principles of aca-**
16 **demic freedom, maintain quality of instruction, foster student success and respect copyright**
17 **law.**

18 **(6) The recommendations must identify strategies that require rule adoption by the State**
19 **Board of Higher Education and the State Board of Education, and strategies that require**
20 **additional legislation.**

21 **(7) The work group shall hold at least three public meetings during the preparation of its**
22 **recommendations to solicit additional participation from students, faculty and the general**
23 **public.**

24 **(8) The work group may accept technical assistance from any source in preparing its**
25 **recommendations.**

26 **SECTION 2.** **Section 1 of this 2012 Act is repealed on the date of the convening of the 2013**
27 **regular session of the Legislative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010.**

28 **SECTION 3.** **Section 1 of this 2012 Act takes effect on July 1, 2012.**

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