

Testimony Regarding SB 84: EBSCO Academic Search subscription

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At OEIB's request, late last year I asked the EBSCO company for quotes on an annual subscription to an academic article database to serve an estimated 30,000 participants (6000 FTE) in accelerated learning programs. EBSCO provided the following quotes:

1. Academic Search Complete (9,000 full-text journals): \$48,389
2. Academic Search Premier (4,770 full-text journals): \$37,217
3. Academic Search Elite (2,360 full text journals): \$18,592

Academic Search Premier is the more common database subscription among colleges and universities. The Orbis Cascade Alliance, based in Oregon, negotiates database agreements for 37 colleges and universities in the Pacific Northwest. It has agreed to serve as the fiscal agent for this subscription, which would include negotiating prices with the vendor and maintaining the subscription account. The above prices should be considered estimates, which would change if the number of participants in the program varied from the estimated 6000 FTE.