

Representative Read

FULL COMMITTEE PONY

HB 2871

Relating to higher education

HB 2871 establishes the Open Educational Resources Grant Program within the Higher Education Coordinating Commission and directs the agency to award grant funds to public universities and community colleges for the purposes of encouraging the use of low or no-cost open educational resources.

The Subcommittee recommends an amendment which reduces the General Fund appropriation for the bill to \$700,000 and expands the definition of open educational resources to include materials that conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Given the reduction in funding, the amendment also reduces the required open educational resource instructional material to at least fifteen courses, rather than the original requirement of thirty courses.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 2871 be amended by the -A7 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.