

BUDGET REPORT AND MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER: Sen. Roblan

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Action: Do Pass The B-Eng Bill.

Action Date: 06/29/15

Vote:

Senate

Yeas: 12 - Burdick, Devlin, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Roblan, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Whitsett, Winters

House

Yeas: 10 - Buckley, Gomberg, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Rayfield, Read, Smith, Whisnant, Williamson

Nays: 2 - Huffman, Whitsett

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Agency: Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Biennium: 2015-17

Budget Summary

	2013-15 Legislatively Approved Budget	2015-17 Current Service Level	2015-17 Committee Recommendation	Committee Change from 2013-15 Leg. Approved	
				\$ Change	% Change
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000	100.0%

Position Summary

Authorized Positions	0	0	2	2
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	1.36	1.36

Revenue Summary

House Bill 2871 includes a \$700,000 General Fund appropriation to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to support the provisions of the bill.

Summary of Education Subcommittee Action

House Bill 2871 establishes the Open Educational Resources (OER) Grant Program within the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to encourage the use of low or no-cost open educational resources as an alternative to increasingly high priced textbooks and other materials in post-secondary education. Open educational resources are defined as teaching, learning, and research materials that are either in the public domain or are otherwise free for use. By June 30, 2017, HECC, in coordination with public universities and community colleges, is directed to identify open educational resources that can be adopted as the primary instructional material for at least 15 courses meeting specific criteria outlined by the bill. The universities and colleges are also directed to prominently designate courses whose course materials exclusively consist of open or free textbooks or other low-cost or no-cost course materials. HECC is directed to report to interim legislative committees on higher education on the status of these efforts by December 1, 2015.

The bill directs HECC to award grants to community colleges and universities to support the work of the institutions to meet the requirements of the bill. The bill includes \$700,000 General Fund and establishes a limited duration Education Specialist 2 (0.92 FTE) to identify available OERs and provide training on their use and a limited duration Program Analyst 3 (0.44 FTE) to provide technical assistance in the development of contracts, compliance, reporting and monitoring of the OER grants.

DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION

HB 2871-B

Higher Education Coordinating Commission
 Bill McGee 503-278-2078

DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED			
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</u>									
SCR 001 HECC Operations									
Personal Services	\$247,649	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$247,649	2	1.36
Services and Supplies	\$57,220	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$57,220		
Special Payments	\$395,131	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$395,131		
TOTAL SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	\$700,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$700,000	2	1.36