

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2871**

1 Delete lines 4 through 11 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in sections 1 to 4 of this 2015 Act, ‘open**  
3 **educational resources’ means teaching, learning and research re-**  
4 **sources that reside in the public domain or that have been released**  
5 **under an intellectual property license that permits their free use and**  
6 **repurposing by others.**

7 **“(2) The Open Educational Resources Grant Program is established**  
8 **within the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. The purpose**  
9 **of the program is to encourage the use of low-cost open educational**  
10 **resources in Oregon’s post-secondary institutions of education.**

11 **“(3) Subject to the availability of funds, the commission shall award**  
12 **grants on a competitive basis to public universities listed in ORS**  
13 **352.002, community colleges or consortia of public universities and**  
14 **community colleges.**

15 **“(4) In awarding grants under subsection (3) of this section, the**  
16 **commission shall give priority to applications that propose to:**

17 **“(a) Adapt or otherwise make use of existing open educational re-**  
18 **sources;**

19 **“(b) Leverage grants awarded under this section with matching**  
20 **private funds;**

21 **“(c) Utilize students in the design or production of open educational**  
22 **resource materials;**

1       “(d) Involve coordinated activities between two or more public uni-  
2 versities and community colleges;

3       “(e) Focus on high-enrollment courses; and

4       “(f) Address a need not currently met by existing available re-  
5 sources.

6       “SECTION 2. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall  
7 employ an Open Educational Resource Specialist who shall be respon-  
8 sible for ensuring that the state’s use of open educational resources  
9 positively impacts the access, affordability and success of Oregon stu-  
10 dents at post-secondary institutions of education. The specialist shall:

11       “(1) Identify available open educational resources;

12       “(2) Train public university and community college personnel on  
13 methods of:

14       “(a) Properly attributing, revising and combining existing open ed-  
15 ucational resources; and

16       “(b) Creating openly licensed content and sharing one’s work; and

17       “(3) Encourage faculty members at public universities and commu-  
18 nity colleges to use open educational resources in their courses.

19       “SECTION 3. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appro-  
20 priation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating  
21 Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the Gen-  
22 eral Fund, the amount of \$1,100,000, for the purposes of implementing  
23 sections 1 and 2 of this 2015 Act.

24       “(2) All resources created or revised with moneys appropriated un-  
25 der this section must be openly licensed and shared with the public  
26 through an existing or new open educational resources repository.

27       “SECTION 4. Each public university listed in ORS 352.002 and com-  
28 munity college shall designate courses whose course materials exclu-  
29 sively consist of open educational resources with the letters ‘OER’ in  
30 course descriptions published in catalogs and on the Internet.

1       **“SECTION 5. (1) By June 30, 2017, the Higher Education Coordinat-**  
2 **ing Commission shall identify open educational resources that can be**  
3 **adopted as the primary instructional material for at least 30 courses**  
4 **that are:**

5       **“(a) High-enrollment;**

6       **“(b) Within general education disciplines; and**

7       **“(c) Capable of being transferred among public universities listed**  
8 **in ORS 352.002 and community colleges.**

9       **“(2) Open educational resources identified under subsection (1) of**  
10 **this section must have undergone a peer-review process and be made**  
11 **available to all post-secondary institutions of education operating in**  
12 **Oregon.**

13       **“(3) As used in this section, ‘open educational resources’ has the**  
14 **meaning given that term in section 1 of this 2015 Act.**

15       **“SECTION 6. Section 5 of this 2015 Act is repealed on January 1,**  
16 **2018.**

17       **“SECTION 7. Not later than December 1, 2015, the Higher Education**  
18 **Coordinating Commission shall submit a report on the status of im-**  
19 **plementing sections 1 to 5 of this 2015 Act to the interim legislative**  
20 **committees on higher education. This report must also detail any**  
21 **barriers identified by the commission relating to the future develop-**  
22 **ment or use of open educational resources, as defined in section 1 of**  
23 **this 2015 Act.**

24       **“SECTION 8. Section 7 of this 2015 Act is repealed on July 1, 2016.**

25       **“SECTION 9. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate**  
26 **preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is**  
27 **declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.”.**

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