

HB2781(2015), HB2729(2017) Open Education Resources (OER)

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HB 2871 (2015) – OVERVIEW

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- Established one-time grant program (\$700K) within HECC to fund projects that adopt OER (ends June 30, 2017)
 - Based on identification of 15 courses that are: high-enrollment, general educational disciplines, & transferrable among the public institutions.
- Requires public postsecondary institutions to prominently designate courses that exclusively use open or free textbooks or other low-cost or no-cost course materials.
- Requires HECC to employ OER Specialist

HB 2871 (2015) – STEERING COMMITTEE

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HB 2871 (2015) – GRANT PROGRAM

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| Institution | Course/Series | Grant Amount |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Blue Mountain Community College | Biology 101-103 | \$30,000 |
| | History 201-203 | \$30,000 |
| | Sociology 204-205 | \$22,500 |
| | Speech 111 | \$15,000 |
| Linn-Benton Community College | Writing 121-122 | \$22,500 |
| Mt. Hood Community College | Math 111 | \$15,000 |
| Oregon Institute of Technology | Psych 201-202 | \$22,500 |
| Oregon State University | Biology 231-233 | \$30,000 |
| Portland Community College | Math 251-254 | \$37,500 |
| Southern Oregon University | Math 112 | \$15,000 |
| | Math 243-244 | \$22,500 |
| Treasure Valley Community College | Economics 201 | \$15,000 |
| University of Oregon | Business 101 | \$15,000 |
| Western Oregon University | Chemistry 101-103 | \$30,000 |
| TOTAL | | \$322,500 |

HB 2871 (2015) – GRANT PROGRAM STATUS

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- 14/15 courses – grants awarded
- Ten awarded schools collaborating with additional 8 institutions in Oregon (18 public Oregon institutions)
- Projects to be completed June 30, 2017

Total Cost: \$322,500

Total students served: 15,916/year

Estimated (annual) savings to students: \$2,663,918

HB 2871 (2015) – OER DESIGNATION

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■ Examples of Designation

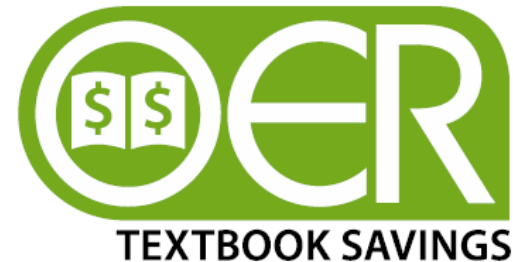
Blue Mt. Community College:



Columbia Gorge Community College:



Southern Oregon University:



HB2871 (2015) – STATEWIDE OER INITIATIVE

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- HECC OER Webpage:
 - <http://www.oregon.gov/highered/policy-collaboration/Pages/affordability-OERs.aspx>

- Outreach & extension
 - Onsite campus visits & presentations
 - Working with faculty statewide
 - Collaborating with other states on OER implementation

- HECC OER Symposium – May 11, 2017
 - Statewide conference held at Portland State University

HB2729 (2017) – NEW OER BILL

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Potential Activities Under Section 2:

- Create advisory group consisting of representatives from each of the 24 public institutions to:
 - Increase collaboration across the state
 - Ensure progress from HB2871(2015) is not lost
 - Develop methods to put materials into student hands
 - Assist faculty to adopt/adapt/store materials



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