

HB 2257 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to waive fees for instructional materials that are proposed for review and adoption by the State Board of Education if the instructional materials are in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license permitting free use.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

The State Board of Education has adopted administrative rules relating to the timeline and content requirements for adding instructional materials to its list of items approved for use in Oregon schools. The board maintains a multi-year cycle, reviewing materials in one specific subject area each year. Currently, state law requires ODE to collect a fee of either \$50 or the retail price of the materials, whichever is greater, when publishers submit materials for the board's consideration. House Bill 2257 allows ODE to waive that fee for materials that are in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license permitting free use and repurposing.

In February, 2016, Oregon was recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as one of 14 states launching GoOpen initiatives designed to support districts expanding their use of high-quality openly licensed educational resources.