

**HB 2729**

**Relating to open educational resources  
at post-secondary institutions of education**

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HB 2729 provides a \$1 million appropriation to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for Oregon's Open Educational Resources Program (or, OER) and the following contracted activities:

- Convening a workgroup of faculty, staff, and librarians from public universities and community colleges, as well as contracting for a statewide OER coordinator, for the purpose of coordinating the OER Program.
- Hosting an annual OER symposium.
- Determining if a statewide repository of OER material should be developed and, if so, developing a plan for the creation of the repository.
- Providing up to \$150,000 in grants to public universities and community colleges for the creation, adoption or implementation of OER materials.
- Providing a report on the OER Program to the Legislative Assembly in odd numbered years including content on the current status of the OER Program, a calculation of moneys current and future students saved as a result of the Program, and an evaluation of barriers preventing the adoption of OER materials.

The Education Subcommittee recommends HB 2729 be amended by the –A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.