

HB 2214 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

Action Date: 03/27/19

Action: Do pass the bill and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Alonso Leon, Doherty, Helt, Hernandez, Neron, Reardon, Reschke, Sollman, Wallan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/25, 3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates money from the General Fund for Oregon’s Open Educational Resources (OER) Program. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Interest in maintaining Open Educational Resources (OER) Program
- Parallel work to textbook affordability legislation (House Bill 2213)

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

ORS 348.748-348.757 established the Open Educational Resources (OER) Program requiring each public university and community college designate courses whose materials exclusively consist of open or free textbooks, or no-cost materials. The program required course designation appear in the Internet course descriptions or be provided during course registration. It also required the designation appear on the bookstore materials list. House Bill 4058 (2012) required the Higher Education Coordinating Commission report on ways to increase textbook affordability at colleges and universities. The recommendations included access to more robust low-cost and open educational resources.

House Bill 2214 appropriates money from the General Fund for the Oregon Educational Resources (OER) Program beginning July 1, 2019.