A-Bill for an Act

Relating to disclosure of costs to enroll in classes at public institutions of higher education.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, each public institution of higher education shall prominently display, or establish link to website that displays, estimated costs of all required course materials and directly related course fees for no less than 75 percent of total for-credit courses offered by public university or community college. Establishes how cost information must be displayed, secured and aggregated.

Requires each public university and community college to provide annual report to Higher Education Coordinating Commission to submit report to Legislative Assembly detailing how each public university and community college is ensuring compliance with requirement.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in boldfaced type.

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not provide information for under this section, the public institution shall prioritize not
providing information for courses where:

(a) The instructor either has changed since the last time the course was taught or will
be hired after the deadline for publishing course information set forth in subsection (1)(b)(A)
of this section; or

(b) The instructor of the course has determined that previously used course materials
are no longer effective at delivering the necessary educational outcomes for the course.

(4) In order to ensure compliance with federal law requirements regarding timely and
accurate course material information and affordability, including the Higher Education Op-
opportunity Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-315), each public institution of higher education shall establish
dates by which faculty or departments must notify the campus bookstore affiliated with the
public institution of required and recommended course materials, so that the bookstore may
verify availability, determine prices, source lower cost options when practicable, explore al-
ternatives with faculty when academically appropriate and maximize the availability of for-
mat options for the course materials that are made available to students.

(5)(a) The information that is required to be displayed under this section shall be:

(A) Secured in a manner determined by each public institution of higher education;

(B) Aggregated by the campus bookstore affiliated with the public institution higher ed-
ucation; and

(C) Displayed for public viewing in the published course schedule and in any other method
deemed acceptable by each public institution of higher education, in consultation with the
faculty, students and campus bookstores affiliated with each public institution.

(b) The faculty and administration of each public institution of higher education are re-
sponsible for supplying the information required under this section to the campus bookstore
affiliated with the public institution according to a process and deadline established by the
public institution for each academic term.

(6) As used in this section:

(a) “Public institution of higher education” or “public institution” means:

(A) A public university listed in ORS 352.002; or

(B) A community college operated under ORS chapter 341.

(b) “Relevant stakeholders” means:

(A) Representatives from public institutions of higher education;

(B) Faculty from public institutions of higher education;

(C) Students enrolled at public institutions of higher education; and

(D) Campus bookstores affiliated with public institutions of higher education.

SECTION 2. (1) No later than December 31, 2023, the Higher Education Coordinating
Commission shall submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly
responsible for higher education that details how each public institution of higher education
is ensuring compliance with section 1 of this 2021 Act.

(2) The commission, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall by rule establish
metrics to measure compliance with section 1 of this 2021 Act by public institutions of higher
education.

(3) Each public institution of higher education shall timely provide the Higher Education
Coordinating Commission any information that the commission determines is necessary to
submit the report required under this section.
(4) As used in this section, “public institution of higher education” and “relevant stakeholders” have the meanings given those terms in section 1 of this 2021 Act.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

SECTION 4. Section 1 of this 2021 Act first applies to the 2022-2023 academic year.