

E2SHB 2337 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Early Learning & K-12 Education

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds the state's recent
4 adoption of common core K-12 standards provides an opportunity to
5 develop a library of high-quality, openly licensed K-12 courseware that
6 is aligned with these standards. By developing this library of openly
7 licensed courseware and making it available to school districts free of
8 charge, the state and school districts will be able to provide students
9 with curricula and texts while substantially reducing the expenses that
10 districts would otherwise incur in purchasing these materials. In
11 addition, this library of openly licensed courseware will provide
12 districts and students with a broader selection of materials, and
13 materials that are more up-to-date.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.300
15 RCW to read as follows:

16 (1)(a) Subject to availability of amounts appropriated for this
17 specific purpose, the superintendent of public instruction shall take
18 the lead in identifying and developing a library of openly licensed
19 courseware aligned with the common core state standards and placed
20 under an attribution license, registered by a nonprofit or for-profit
21 organization with domain expertise in open courseware, that allows
22 others to use, distribute, and create derivative works based upon the
23 digital material, while still allowing the authors or creators to
24 retain the copyright and to receive credit for their efforts.

25 (b) During the course of identification and development of a
26 library of openly licensed courseware, the superintendent:

27 (i) May contract with third parties for all or part of the
28 development;

1 (ii) May adopt or adapt existing high quality openly licensed K-12
2 courseware aligned with the common core state standards;

3 (iii) May consider multiple sources of openly licensed courseware;

4 (iv) Must use best efforts to seek additional outside funding by
5 actively partnering with private organizations;

6 (v) Must work collaboratively with other states that have adopted
7 the common core state standards and collectively share results; and

8 (vi) Must include input from classroom practitioners, including
9 teacher-librarians as defined by RCW 28A.320.240, in the results
10 reported under subsection (2)(d) of this section.

11 (2) The superintendent of public instruction must also:

12 (a) Advertise to school districts the availability of openly
13 licensed courseware, with an emphasis on the fact that the courseware
14 is available at no cost to the districts;

15 (b) Identify an open courseware repository to which openly licensed
16 courseware identified and developed under this section may be
17 submitted, in which openly licensed courseware may be housed, and from
18 which openly licensed courseware may be easily accessed, all at no cost
19 to school districts;

20 (c) Provide professional development programs that offer support,
21 guidance, and instruction regarding the creation, use, and continuous
22 improvement of open courseware; and

23 (d) Report to the governor and the education committees of the
24 legislature on a biennial basis, beginning December 1, 2013, and ending
25 December 1, 2017, regarding identification and development of a library
26 of openly licensed courseware aligned with the common core state
27 standards and placed under an attribution license, use by school
28 districts of openly licensed courseware, and professional development
29 programs provided.

30 (3) School districts may, but are not required to, use any of the
31 openly licensed courseware.

32 (4) As used in this section, "courseware" includes the course
33 syllabus, scope and sequence, instructional materials, modules,
34 textbooks, including the teacher's edition, student guides,
35 supplemental materials, formative and summative assessment supports,
36 research articles, research data, laboratory activities, simulations,
37 videos, open-ended inquiry activities, and any other educationally
38 useful materials.

1 (5) The open educational resources account is created in the
2 custody of the state treasurer. All receipts from funds collected
3 under this section must be deposited into the account. Expenditures
4 from the account may be used only for the development of openly
5 licensed courseware as described in this section. Only the
6 superintendent of public instruction or the superintendent's designee
7 may authorize expenditures from the account. The account is subject to
8 allotment procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is
9 not required for expenditures.

10 (6) This section expires June 30, 2018."

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11 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "education;" strike the
12 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
13 28A.300 RCW; creating a new section; and providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: Input from classroom teachers includes input from
teacher-librarians, who are certificated teachers with a library media
endorsement.

An account is created for open educational resources funds.

OSPI may consider openly licensed courseware from for-profit
organizations as well as nonprofit organizations.

OSPI may consider multiple sources of openly licensed courseware.

Clarifies that OSPI will be identifying sources of openly licensed
courseware and developing a library of openly licensed courseware,
rather than actually developing the courseware.

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