
HOUSE BILL 1499

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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education; adding a new section to
2 chapter 28B.10 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 When purchasing or ordering textbooks, course materials, and
7 library books, institutions of higher education shall strongly
8 encourage publishers to accomplish, as rapidly as the technology
9 becomes available, the following:

10 (1) Make textbooks, library books, and course materials available
11 in a computer-based format, which may include optical storage media,
12 including CD ROM, for students with print disabilities enrolled at the
13 institution;

14 (2) Provide the materials in computer-based format at a reasonable
15 and affordable price;

16 (3) Ensure that the computer-based format complies with established
17 industry guideline standards for machine readable documents for persons
18 with print disabilities; and

1 (4) Provide the materials in computer-based format in a timely
2 manner to support the educational needs of students with print
3 disabilities.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The academic officers of the public four-
5 year institutions of higher education and the instructional officers at
6 the community and technical colleges shall:

7 (1) Work closely with their faculty and appropriate administrators
8 to disseminate information about the availability of materials and
9 textbooks that have been converted to electronic formats;

10 (2) Encourage faculty and appropriate administrators to, where
11 feasible, use materials and textbooks that have been converted to
12 electronic formats; and

13 (3) Encourage the development of additional materials and textbooks
14 in electronic formats to better serve students with disabilities.

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