
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1025

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By House Higher Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Armstrong, Upthegrove, and Wallace)

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1 AN ACT Relating to cost savings on course materials; and amending
2 RCW 28B.10.590.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28B.10.590 and 2007 c 457 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) The boards of regents of the state universities, the boards of
7 trustees of the regional universities and The Evergreen State College,
8 and the boards of trustees of each community and technical college
9 district, in collaboration with affiliated bookstores and student and
10 faculty representatives, shall adopt rules requiring that:

11 (a) Affiliated bookstores:

12 (i) Provide students the option of purchasing materials that are
13 unbundled when possible, disclose to faculty and staff the costs to
14 students of purchasing materials, and disclose publicly how new
15 editions vary from previous editions;

16 (ii) Actively promote and publicize book buy-back programs; (~~and~~)

17 (iii) Disclose retail costs for course materials on a per course
18 basis to faculty and staff and make this information publicly
19 available; and

1 (iv) Disclose information to students on required course materials
2 including but not limited to title, authors, edition, price, and
3 International Standard Book Number (ISBN) at least four weeks before
4 the start of the class for which the materials are required.

5 (b) Faculty and staff members consider the least costly practices
6 in assigning course materials, such as adopting the least expensive
7 edition available when educational content is comparable as determined
8 by the faculty and working closely with publishers and local bookstores
9 to create bundles and packages if they deliver cost savings to
10 students.

11 (2) As used in this section:

12 (a) "Materials" means any supplies or texts required or recommended
13 by faculty or staff for a given course.

14 (b) "Bundled" means a group of objects joined together by packaging
15 or required to be purchased as an indivisible unit.

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