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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the cost of
2 attending college continues to rise. According to the College
3 Board, the cost of tuition and fees for attending an in-state
4 public college for the 2017-2018 academic year averaged \$9,970,
5 while the average cost for books and supplies for the same
6 academic year at public colleges averaged \$1,250.

7 In April 2016, the Institute for Research on Higher
8 Education at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of
9 Education issued a study that analyzed college costs in relation
10 to family income level. The study revealed how higher education
11 has gone from expensive to unaffordable for most low- and
12 middle-income families. According to this same study, Hawai'i
13 ranked third in the nation for overall college affordability and
14 noted that the University of Hawai'i community colleges are the
15 most affordable public two-year institutions in the nation.

16 The report further acknowledged that despite Hawai'i's
17 overall high affordability ranking, attending college was a big



1 expense for families earning less than \$30,000 annually; that
2 Hawai'i's financial aid policies did little to alleviate costs
3 for these families; and that the State provided minimal need-
4 based aid to students attending public institutions. Therefore,
5 new and innovative solutions need to be implemented to lower
6 other costs associated with attending school within the
7 University of Hawai'i system.

8 The legislature further finds that since 2015, open
9 educational resources at the University of Hawai'i has offered
10 free instructional materials to potentially lower the cost of
11 higher education, provide faculty more control over their
12 instructional materials, and enable new ways of learning for
13 students. Specifically, open educational resources offers
14 learning, teaching, and research resources that are either in
15 the public domain or have been released with an intellectual
16 property license that permits free reuse and repurposing.
17 Through faculty use of open educational resources since its
18 adoption, this technology-driven instructional content has saved
19 students hundreds of thousands of dollars in textbook costs.

20 The purpose of this Act is to, beginning with the 2020-2021
21 school year, require all courses at all campuses within the

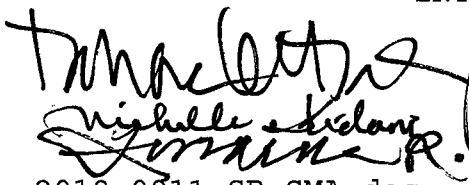


1 University of Hawai'i system that require the use of
2 instructional materials to exclusively use instructional
3 materials from the open educational resources at the University
4 of Hawai'i.

5 SECTION 2. Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, all
6 courses at all campuses within the University of Hawai'i system
7 that require the use of instructional materials, including
8 textbooks, shall use instructional materials from the open
9 educational resources at the University of Hawai'i; provided that
10 the use of instructional materials, including textbooks, that
11 requires a student to purchase or pay a subscription for the
12 materials shall be prohibited; provided further that if open
13 educational resources does not have relevant instructional
14 materials available for a course, the faculty member or lecturer
15 responsible with providing instruction for the course shall
16 create the instructional materials and offer those materials
17 free of charge to students through open educational resources.

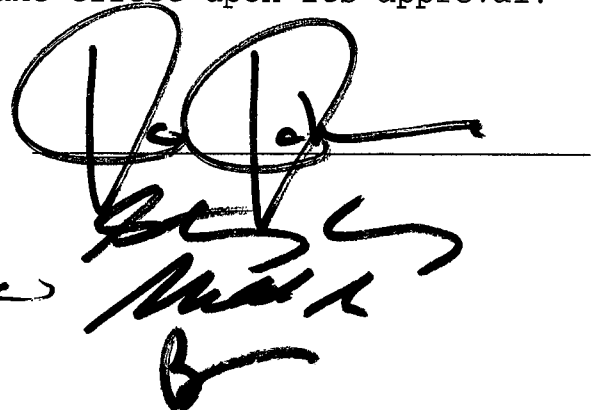
18 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

University of Hawai'i; Instructional Materials; Open Educational Resources

Description:

Beginning with the 2020-2021 school year, requires all courses at all campuses within the University of Hawai'i system that require the use of instructional materials to exclusively use instructional materials from the open educational resources at the University of Hawai'i, under certain conditions.

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