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## **Providing Students with the Costs of Required Course Materials for Washington State Community and Technical Colleges**

The purpose of this document is to inform colleges of the signing of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1375 adding a new section to chapter 28B.50 RCW, with an effective date of July 23, 2017. The statute requires each college to provide information on the cost of textbooks/course materials and whether the course uses Open Educational Resources (OER).

To be compliant, a college must implement the statute requirements within one quarter of migrating to the PeopleSoft environment. The information must be available to students during registration by either displaying it in the online course description or by providing a link to the bookstore's website. The statute also requires each college to report which courses provided textbooks' and course materials' costs to students during registration, and what percent of total classes this equaled.

The State Board for Community and Technical Colleges with assistance from the college community has defined the OER global name (Course Attribute) and Textbook/Other Materials description in the student Search for Classes function:

- to support college administrators and faculty charged with identifying OER courses,
- to assist students in making informed course selection choices, and
- to comply with the reporting requirements to internal and external stakeholders.

Each OER course shall be identified with the following global *Course Attribute* and *Textbook/Other Materials* description in the *Search for Classes* function for students.

### **Searchable Course Attribute for OER Courses**

*No textbook to purchase/OER*

### **Course Attribute Description for OER Courses**

*Primary course materials are provided online at no cost during the course. A printed version and some supplementary course materials may be available for purchase in the bookstore.*

It is recommended to place the link to the bookstore in the *Special Instructions* or *Textbook/Other Materials* area of the *Class Detail* section of the *Search for Classes* function, although other options are available.

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