Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
OER Initiatives

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Agenda

1. Senate Bill 810, 85th Texas Legislature, Regular Session
   • Feasibility study
   • OER Grant Program

2. Looking Forward
   • Legislative Appropriations Request 2019
SB 810
Study on the Feasibility of a Texas Repository of Open Educational Resources
Methodology

Literature review

Solicited feedback from stakeholders
  • Faculty and staff from public institutions of higher education
  • State agencies
  • Textbook publishers
  • Representatives of the OER community
  • Others
Recommendations of the report

1. Develop an open statewide OER portal
2. Work with OER Commons to develop and maintain the portal
3. Ensure that the portal links to repositories using a wide range of OER
4. Incentivize faculty to adopt, contribute, and submit reviews through the portal
5. Require that resources developed with state funds be contributed to portal and CC licensed
6. Long-term integrated portal and resource awareness program
7. Create a statewide OER council
8. Fund a new position of state Director/Coordinator of OER
SB 810
Open Educational Resources Grant Program (OERGP)
About the OER Grant Program

Established to encourage faculty at institutions of higher education to adopt, modify, redesign, or develop courses that use only open educational resources (OER).

Open Educational Resource – A teaching, learning, or research resource that is in the public domain or has been released under an intellectual property license that permits the free use, adaptation, and redistribution of the resource by any person.

Texas Education Code (TEC), Section 61.0668
Grant Awards

Maximum of $5,000 for applications that propose to adopt, modify, redesign, or create **one course** that will use only open educational materials and a maximum of $10,000 for applications that propose to adopt, modify, redesign, or create **multiple courses**.

Grants will be distributed directly to faculty.
Application Timeline

**Application deadline:** August 20, 2018

41 eligible applications received.

**Announcement of Grant Awards:** October 30, 2018

15 applications selected for grants.
## 2018 Awardees

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Looking Forward: FY 20-21
Legislative Appropriations Request (2019)

- OER Repository (and 1.0 FTE): $250,000
  - Development of repository using OER Commons: $90,000
  - OER Commons fees in the second year: $20,000
  - 1.0 FTE for maintenance of the repository: $70,000 annually

- OER Grant Program: $200,000
  - Additional grants to faculty for the development of OER course materials: $200,000
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